

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Malan's Successor

THE election of Johannes Strijdom (or Strijdom) to succeed Dr Malan as Premier of South Africa will be greeted with little enthusiasm in the British Commonwealth. Even in the Union itself there must be many, including members of the Nationalist Party, who have grave misgivings over Monday's surprise success. For Mr. Strijdom, former Lands Minister, is the epitome of the extreme nationalist, contemptuous of Britain and the Commonwealth, and a confirmed Republican. Like their Voortrekker ancestors who trekked from the Cape into the unknown dangers of Africa to escape the British after the Boer defeat, Mr. Strijdom and his followers are isolationists. Dr. Malan, an avowed Republican himself, was a realistic enough to know the value of Commonwealth ties for his country, and envisaged a Republic based on the Indian and Pakistan pattern. The Strijdomites dismiss this idea peremptorily. They say they will have nothing to do with a "coolie Republic" plan. South African republicanism is very different from any other form of republicanism. It is intensely racial and religious and based on the mystical concept of the Afrikaner people as a race apart, responsible only to God. If this ideal ever materialises it might breed a new master race of approved citizens in a community where non-whites would be condemned to perpetual subservience and the English-speaking population would become a suspected and possibly an ostracised minority. Mr. Strijdom's prompt pledge that his Government would pursue a policy of justice and fairness to every body will do little to reassure the various groups of people who have already been subjected to the harsh discriminations of the more moderate Dr. Malan. Mr. Strijdom's election to the premiership throws shadows grave days ahead for the Union. There is perhaps a single gleam of hope that the original members of the moderate Afrikaner Party who, under General Hertzog, rejoined the Nationalists in 1948 after a 15-year schism, may force the new Premier to forsake his emotional approach and proceed carefully with his plans for the future of South Africa. Unless he does make allowance for this minority of moderation he may court new friction in his ranks and possibly even a split.

### The First Test

FOR the last six days, we have been sitting trembling with impotent fury watching a disaster slowly overtaking England—on the cricket field. The result was almost a foregone conclusion before the First Test started and the strange decisions of Captain Len Hutton are sufficient to throw anyone apart from the Australians amongst us into a boiling furnace of indignation. We are not trying to detract from the Australians' win. If England had followed on with a third innings, it is doubtful whether it could have mustered the 155 runs needed to overtake the Australian score of 601. Two questions need answering: why did Hutton and his fellow selectors pick four fast bowlers and not one slow bowler for variety's sake? (The excuse that the spin bowlers were not up to form seems rather pointless; they could not have done much worse than Messrs. Tyson, Statham, Bailey and Bedser.) Why when Hutton won the toss, did he decide to send the Australians in on a pitch described as "a batsman's paradise"? He gives some rather abstruse academic reasons for his decision, but wasn't it rather a case of feeling totally unjustified gamble? Cricket is still a game, not a science and a Test Match is not the time for dubious experiments. Hutton's captaincy leaves a lot to be desired. So does his team's general ability. After nine years of post-war cricket disasters have immunised to M.C.C. batting failures. We also tolerate their mediocre bowling efforts and loyally say: "Well done." But when the fielding deteriorates to the extent that it did on Friday and Saturday, the Englishmen need a sharp reprimand. Compton's decision to bat with an injured wrist was a courageous gesture—but it should not have been necessary. It only emphasised the pitiful state of the English team. The M.C.C. may have to do a lot better in the next Tests to restore their prestige.

# U.S. GIVES TWIN WARNING TO CHINA

## John Foster Dulles Speaks Out

If 13 Americans Are Not Returned

If Communists Attack Formosa

### NAVAL BLOCKADE POSSIBLE

Washington, Dec. 1. The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said today a United States naval blockade of Communist China was a possibility if peaceful efforts failed to effect the release of 13 Americans imprisoned on spy charges by the Peking authorities.

Mr. Dulles, at a press conference, refused to say how serious that possibility was.

In his Chicago speech on Monday he emphasised that the United States was trying all peaceful ways of obtaining the release of the men.

If those methods failed, he said today, the United States would have to reconsider the situation. He added he had a high degree of confidence that peaceful methods would not fail, but it was not possible to predict this with any certainty.

Asked if the United States had discussed the problem with the United Nations, Mr. Dulles replied that he had had discussions with other delegations. Asked if any blockade action would be taken through the machinery of the United Nations, Mr. Dulles pointed out that the United Nations Charter contained provisions permitting the Security Council to ask for a blockade against an individual nation.

### Shell Oil Ship Destroyed By Fire: 10 Hurt

Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 1.

The 3,217-ton Shell Petroleum Company vessel *Lula* was completely destroyed by fire today and her entire crew of 10 suffered injuries. Flames from the schooner engulfed the Shell Co. loading pier, causing damage which so far has not been estimated. The fire aboard the ship broke out while crew members were repairing one of the vessel's two motors. The flames spread to the *Lula's* cargo of 800 bottles of compressed gas, which exploded with violent detonations that could be heard for miles. No deaths have been reported.—United Press.

### JENNER'S VIEW

Republican Senator William E. Jenner said today he gave "full support" to a proposed naval blockade of China.

Mr. Jenner told the Senate he endorsed Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland's proposal that the Chinese mainland be blockaded until Peking free the 13 Americans they were holding.

"A nation which will not give every last ounce of its strength and courage to free its unjustly imprisoned fighting men is not worthy of respect as a sovereign power," Mr. Jenner said in a speech.

He said China's holding of 13 American military personnel was "a particularly close to act of war."

"It must be met by all measures necessary, whatever they may be, to compel the Red Chinese bandits to free all Americans now held in restraint by them," Mr. Jenner said.

Mr. Jenner also called again for a break in all diplomatic and trade relations with Russia.—United Press.

### AMERICAN FORCES WILL HIT BACK

Washington, Dec. 1. The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, today in effect threatened war with counter-attacks against the Chinese Communists if they should attack the Formosan headquarters of the Chinese Nationalists.

Mr. Dulles used strong language in giving his interpretation at a news conference to the terms of an as yet unpublished treaty between the United States and the Nationalist Chinese Government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

This, he said, would be signed in the next two or three days in Washington.

Predicting probable war between the United States and Communist China if Formosa was attacked, he applied for the first time to the explosive situation in this area, the basic United States doctrine of "massive retaliation" as a deterrent against Chinese Communist aggression.

To those who may be alarmed by the implications of Mr. Dulles' stern warning, his news conference statements offer these assurances:

**NOT GENERAL WAR**  
First, he himself said that United States retaliation against the Chinese Communists would not necessarily mean a general war with atomic bombs falling all over the map. He declined to predict the scope of any retaliatory action that the United States might take.

Secondly, he made it clear that the jurisdiction of protection of the treaty extended only to Formosa and the Pescadore Islands and not to coastal islands such as Quemoy and Tachen, which have already been under Chinese Communist attack.

Both Mr. Dulles and other Administration spokesmen have previously indicated that United States intervention to protect these coastal islands would depend upon whether the attack against them was an integral part of an invasion of Formosa itself.

**RESTRAINING PEKING**  
Thirdly, Mr. Dulles hinted at practical arrangements which may in effect restrain the Chinese Communists from provoking an attack upon Formosa and thus precipitating war between the United States and Communist China through Nationalist attacks upon Communist China mainland.

### RUSSIA CALLS FOR NEW KOREA TALKS

New York, Dec. 1.

The Soviet Union today moved in the Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly to call an international conference of nations interested in the settlement of the Korean question.

Mr. Jacob Malik, the Soviet delegate, also called for the abolition of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea and an end to United Nations trade embargoes against North Korea and Communist China.

Earlier the Political Committee rejected a Soviet demand that Communist China and North Korea be invited to take part in the U.N. debate on Korea.

The vote against the Soviet proposal was 39 to 9 with 10 abstentions.

The Committee voted by 43 to 5 with 10 abstentions to invite South Korea to the debate. Before the voting, Jacob Malik, for the Soviet Union, accepted an Indian amendment to his original resolution. The amendment was to group South Korea, North Korea and Communist China together in being invited. In view of Mr. Malik's acceptance it was this wording which was eventually voted on and rejected.

The United States and Britain both opposed inviting the Communists.—Reuter.

### Belgium To Build Tallest Skyscraper

Brussels, Dec. 1. Belgium plans to build the tallest building in the world measuring approximately 1,870 feet high. It was announced today by Minister of Communications M. Edouard Anseele.

He said that the Government was to make a decision shortly on the construction of the building with a tower designed for television broadcasts and as a radio station.

Present plans provide that this tower—over 1,800 feet high—will be located on a 200-foot hill near Brussels. It thus would stand over 2,000 feet above sea level.—France-Press.

### The Life Guard Had To Smile



Even the Life Guards officer had to relax military dignity to join the Queen and Prince Charles in a smile at a childish guff from Princess Anne. Setting for this happy little scene was Waterloo Station, where the Royal family waited to welcome home the Queen Mother from her visit to Canada and the United States.—Reuterphoto.

### BRITAIN TO SCRAP ACK-ACK GUNS

### New Atom-age Defence Plan

London, Dec. 1. The Defence Minister, Mr. Harold MacMillan, announced tonight that Britain will "forthwith" begin scrapping its anti-aircraft guns now outmoded by atomic weapons and high-flying planes or rockets.

Simultaneously, the Churchill Government announced it would be prepared to discuss defence questions with the Labour Party—or even hold a secret Commons session, the first since the war.

Mr. MacMillan told members of Parliament that "drastic reductions" will be made "forthwith" in conventional anti-aircraft guns and the whole anti-aircraft command abolished.

**ROCKET SUBSTITUTE**  
Only recently Britain started taking deliveries of United States WAC Corporal rockets to supplement normal artillery.

Mr. MacMillan did not say what Britain would substitute for the ack-ack, but it was con-



Mr. Harold MacMillan

sidered almost certain to be ground-to-air rockets. Even in the last war, guns were largely ineffective against German V-2 rockets which pounded London.

Britain's forces have for some time been on the verge of a major Atomic-Age streamlining following recommendations made by SHAPE Commander, General Alfred M. Gruenther.

General Gruenther called for small, fast-moving, highly mobile divisions which could capitalise on atomic capabilities without themselves being hit. HELICOPTER EXPERIMENTS

Mr. MacMillan said that to increase manoeuvrability the British Army and Air Force would start experiments with helicopters or "similar aircraft" which could ferry supplies to field troops instead of trucks.

"We have reached the conclusion that the time has now come to reconsider the anti-aircraft gun defences of the United Kingdom," Mr. MacMillan said.

### Sequel To Last Night's Tram Incident

### Eight "Hot Heads" In Court

Described by the Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation, Hongkong, Mr. W. Todd, as a bunch of "hot-heads," eight men appeared before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning on various charges arising out of last night's tramway incident.

They all pleaded not guilty to their respective charges and hearing of the case was set for tomorrow at 2.30 p.m.

All were remanded in gaoi custody.

Siu Hing, 32, Tramway Workers' Union boy, Cheung Yiu-cho, 29, HKT electrician, Lia Yuen, 34, HKT electrician, Choi Ching, 38, Tramway Worker, Hong Kwong, 21, barber, Ng Fong, 29, HKT conductor, and Lai Pok-lun, 32, Tramway Workers' Union boy, were charged with obstructing and resisting arrest by the Police yesterday at Hennessy Road near Canal Road, West.

**HANDBILLS IN CHINESE**  
Siu Hing was also alleged to have unlawfully distributed handbills in Chinese without the permission of the S.C.A. or a District Officer yesterday at the same place.

Wong Mun-wah, 27, Tramway Workers' Union boy, was alleged to have behaved in a disorderly way yesterday at Hennessy Road near Canal Road, West.

Det. Inspector N. Reynolds of Eastern Police Station was in charge of the case.

Mr. Todd said that the background of the case was the tramway dispute involving two factions of workers and the management itself.

The Police, he said, had no interest in the strike or politics, but they were highly concerned with the preservation of the Queen's peace during the dispute.

**SERIOUS THREAT**  
The present charges constitute a serious threat to law and order in this Colony and I therefore ask if your Worship will consider carefully the question of bail even with an early date.

The Prosecution has 20 witnesses in this case and therefore if your Worship does grant bail and bail is put up, these hot-heads will be free to start further trouble.

Mr. Todd suggested to Mr. Lo that if he granted bail then he should bind all defendants over until the charges against them were decided one way or the other. He also had in mind the question of interference with Police witnesses.

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## SENATE DECIDES TO CENSURE McCARTHY

Washington, Dec. 1. The Senate voted tonight to censure Joseph McCarthy (Republican, Wisconsin) for his alleged abuse of an elections sub-committee which investigated his finances in 1951-52.

The Senate approved the first of two recommendations censuring Senator McCarthy that he was guilty of "obstructing the constitutional processes of the Senate" by failing to cooperate with the Elections Sub-committee and because he "repeatedly abused" sub-committee members.

The recommendations were made by a special six-member committee.

**THREE MOVES REJECTED**  
The Senate had beaten down previously three substitute motions aimed at clearing Senator McCarthy or toning down the charges against him.

While adoption of this language was not final and could be overturned by a possible later decision to kill the entire censure resolution, there was no suggestion the Senate's voting would take any such turn.

Still to be voted on was a count alleging that Senator McCarthy "intentionally abused" Brigadier-General Ralph Zwicker, a witness before Senator McCarthy's Investigations Sub-committee.

Also pending was a charge that he abused members of the

Watkins Committee after they had recommended censure.

Three resolutions aimed at clearing Senator McCarthy were defeated before the censure motion was put to the vote.

By 68 votes to 21 the Senate rejected a proposal by Senator Everett Dirksen (Republican, Illinois) that the count against Senator McCarthy accusing him of contemptuous treatment of an Elections Sub-committee should be dropped and that it should be made to read that Senator McCarthy had broken no Senate rule.

**SECOND ATTEMPT**

The second attempt was made by Senator Karl Mundt (Republican, Dakota) with a substitute resolution to put on record that the Senate disapproved of Senator McCarthy's "unimpeachable statements" but to stop short of censuring him for them. This was defeated by 74 votes to 15.

The third resolution proposed by Senator Styles Bridges (Republican, New Hampshire) that the Senate should declare that Senator McCarthy had violated no rules or precedents of the Senate was defeated by 68 votes to 20.

The Senate then recessed until tomorrow without taking further action.

Senator McCarthy said in a television interview just before the Senate voted: "I don't think the American people are at all fooled."

"They know I am being censored because I dared to do the dishonourable thing of exposing Communists in government," he said, using the word "dishonourable" in an ironic sense.

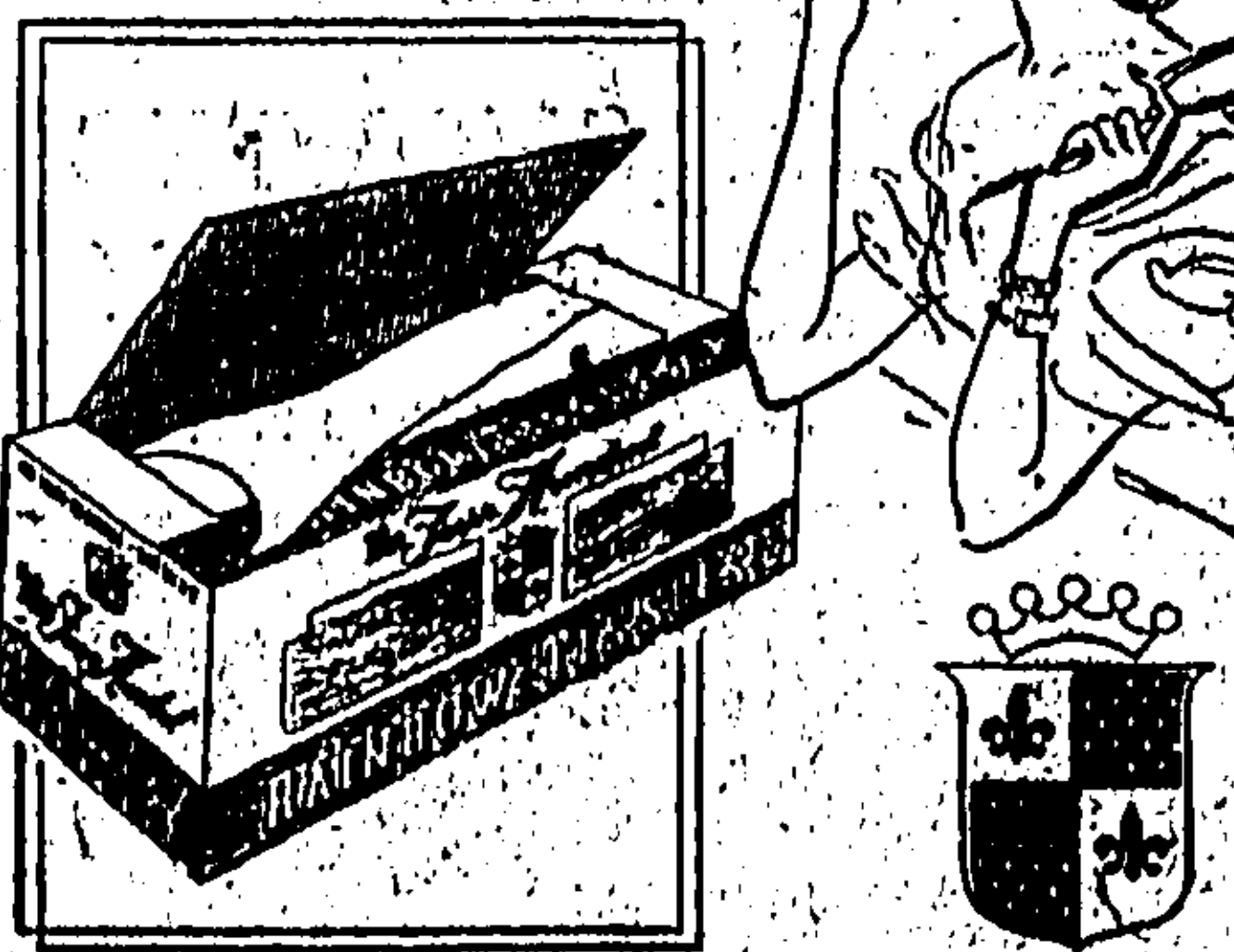
Censuring him would "make the investigation of Communists in government much more difficult." But he added: "It won't stop us."

He said the Senate Investigations Sub-committee, of which he is chairman, would resume its investigation of Communists in defence factories with a public hearing next Tuesday.

**DREW GUNS**  
As the Senate was preparing to vote, two guards on an armoured car from New York drew guns outside the Capitol as they delivered anti-censure petitions. Capitol police told them to put the pistols away and they did so.—Reuter.

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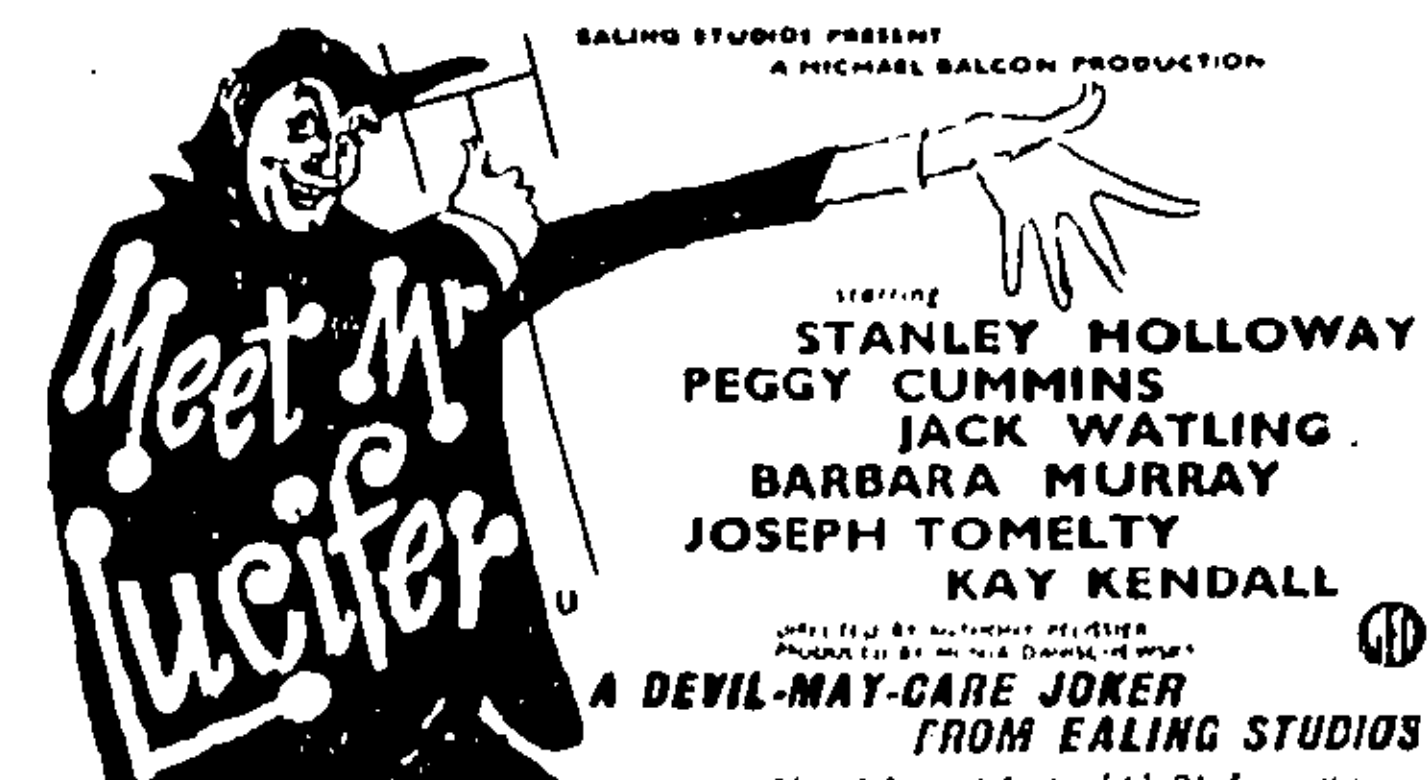
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# VIETNAM ASSEMBLY

## Belated Step To Stop Red Encroachment

Saigon, Dec. 1. Premier Ngo Dinh Diem's government today announced the creation of Vietnam's first national assembly.

The assembly project was considered a belated step to put a popular backbone into South Vietnam's struggle against Communist encroachment, but many observers feared the menace of anarchy had grown too big to tame.

## Polish Hero Murdered Partner

Swansea, Dec. 1. Sixty-year-old Michael Onufrejczyk, dapper, white-bearded Polish war hero, was sentenced to death today for killing his partner, Stanislaw Sykut, 59, whose body has never been found.

A jury found him guilty of murder after a 12-day trial in which the prosecution alleged that Onufrejczyk killed Sykut because he had threatened to sell out his share of their farm in Carmarthenshire.

The prosecution alleged that Onufrejczyk could not afford to buy his partner's share, killed Sykut, probably in the farm kitchen where thousands of small blood stains were found, and hid his body.

### IN IGNORANCE

Onufrejczyk was left in apparent ignorance of his fate until after the trial, as the Polish interpreter in court could not be found when the jury reached their verdict after nearly three hours.

So the judge, Mr Justice Oliver, pronounced the death sentence in English. The bearded Pole bowed stiffly and walked to the cell between two warders.

Later in the day a Polish interpreter went to the cells to explain the sentence to the condemned man, in case he had not understood the judge. Onufrejczyk's solicitors said later that the question of an appeal was being considered.

### DEALT WITH LAW

Judge Oliver's summing-up, which lasted nearly five hours, dealt with English law relating to murder trials where no body has been found.

He said that before convicting the accused, the law said that the fact of death should be proved by such circumstances as rendered the commission of the crime morally certain and left no ground for reasonable doubt.

When the jury had reached their verdict, the judge exempted them from further jury service for the rest of their lives, and said: "I am entirely in agreement with your verdict, and I think it is entirely justified."

Onufrejczyk had a distinguished career in the Polish Army, serving in both world wars and holding his country's highest award for gallantry—the Virtuti Militari Medal—China Mail Special.

At least four police were killed and 13 wounded last night in a street battle in suburban Cholon. Police shot it out with a company of the Vietnamese National army.

### TANKS STAND BY

Seven tanks from the French Foreign Legion were ordered to stand by today in case disorders spread.

Binh Xuyen Police Chief, Lai Huu San, claimed the army was falling apart as a result of the dismissal three days ago of its Chief of Staff Gen. Nguyen Van Lanh, a bitter foe of the Premier.

Government circles counter-charged that the company involved consisted of Catholic infantrymen from North Vietnam loyal to Diem who clashed with the anti-Diem Binh Xuyen.

It was considered unlikely here that the creation of an assembly would heal many wounds or rally the largely apathetic South Vietnamese to the banner of anti-Communism, however, bravely it was paraded.

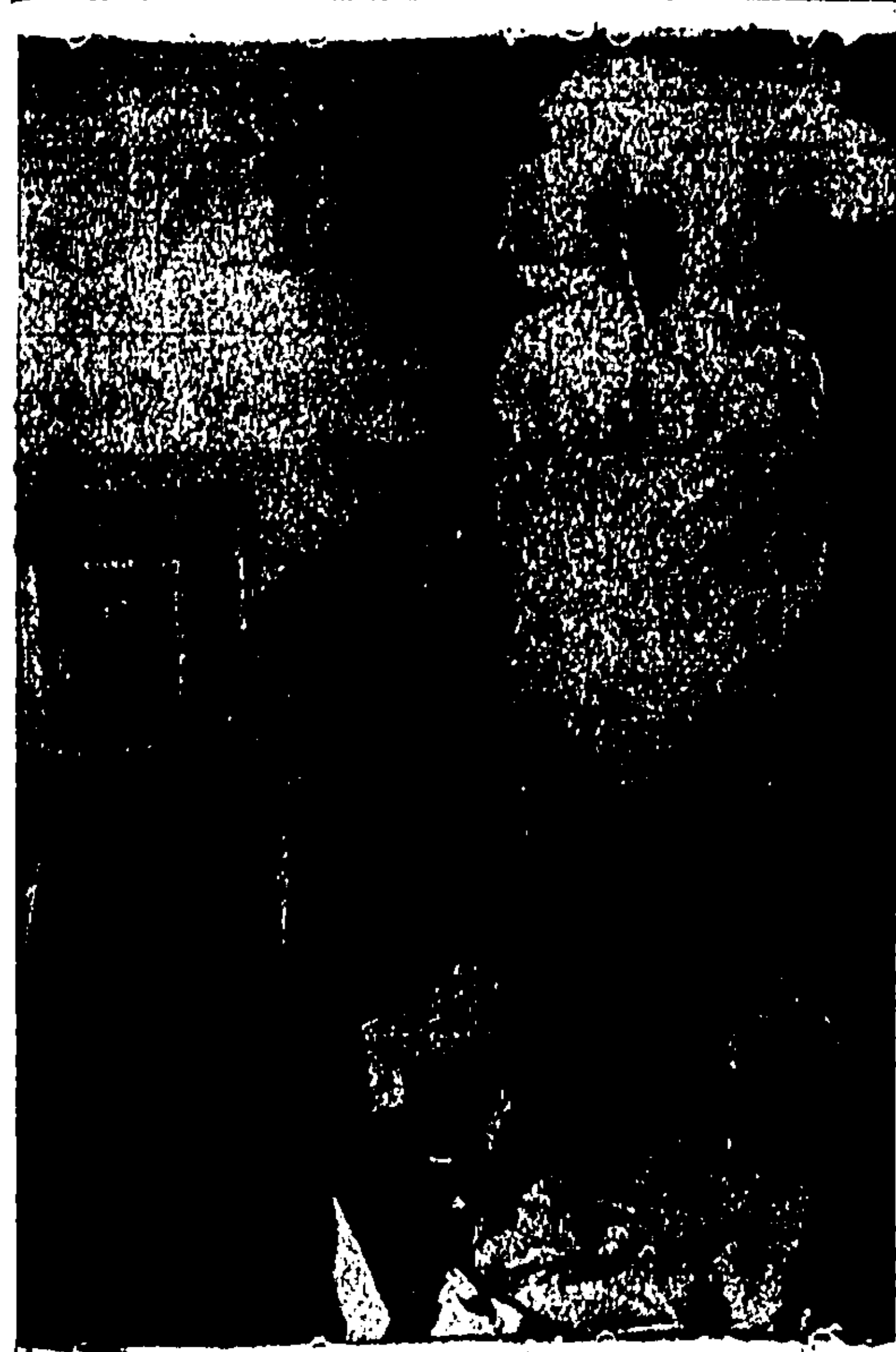
This dovetailed with reports current here that the special United States Ambassador, Mr J. Lawton Collins, had told Washington it was impossible to transform South Vietnam into a military bastion on the lines of South Korea.—United Press.

## NEPALESE KING CAN TAKE WIVES

Zurich, Dec. 1. The United States Consul-General announced today that King Tribhuvan of Nepal can take both his wives to America even though U.S. law prohibits polygamy.

Small print in the 1952 immigration and naturalisation Act opens the way for the mountain monarch's household to visit the United States, the Consul-General, Howard Donovan, declared. He issued a "clarification" of the announcement here by the Royal Military Secretary of Nepal that King Tribhuvan would postpone his trip because of American laws against polygamy.

Both the King's wives, the "senior Queen" and "junior Queen," accompanied him to Switzerland, where he is undergoing treatment for a heart condition. Within a month, the King had planned to go on to America on a private visit to consult specialists there.—United Press.



Carlis of Alexandre, the famous French hair stylist, who has fashioned the hair of many world famous persons including the Duchess of Windsor and the Begum Aga Khan, recently gave a demonstration of his art at the "Bayerischer Hof" hotel, Munich. In the picture Carlis puts the finishing touches to "Antionette," one of the more sensational hair styles he exhibited.—Express Photo.

## DISASTER WILL NOT STRIKE FROG VILLAGE

Bakara Arang, Malaya, Dec. 1.

The villagers of Bakara Arang, terrified nearly a fortnight ago by the bad omen of a furious, four-day battle of frogs, breathed a sigh of relief—for their village diety Loh Chia Thye Choo (Prince Loh Chia) had assured them that their village will be spared from harm.

The war of the frogs raged for four days near one of the main roads here, at times holding up traffic. The fiercest fighting was around a pond, whose owner described the battle as "unbelievable." "I saw the fighting frogs carrying away their casualties," she declared.

### LOCKED IN COMBAT

For four days the edible brown water frogs and the black land frogs were locked in mouth-to-mouth combat. Witnesses who did their best to stop the battle found many of the warriors dead with their tongues bitten off.

Onlookers churned up the water in the pond in a futile attempt to distract their attention, but they fought on. The villagers thought it was a vengeance raid on the part of the brown frogs. The king of the brown frogs was attacked when he trespassed into the territory of the blacks," they said.

The villagers feared "the fire of the gods" because the last known frog war was fought in the same area just before the outbreak of the Korean war.

To ward off evil influences they sacrificed chickens and roast pigs to "Prince Loh Chia." Through a medium, they revealed, their god had pledged his protection.

(Prince Loh Chia, one of the Chinese warrior gods, never grows old and is a potent fighter of evil. He travels about on a pair of blazing wheels, on which he "roller skates" at supersonic speeds.)—France-Press.

## Enriched Rice Experiment

Singapore, Dec. 1.

A Malayan medical research unit is to conduct shortly its first field work on the experiment to improve the health of rubber estate workers with enriched rice.

The experiment will begin with a field survey to ascertain the existing diet of the workers before introducing the specially enriched grain.

In all 22 rubber estates in the Federation of Malaya will be the "guinea pigs" for the experiment. The result of the experiment is not expected to be known before a year.

### FEED HALF

The scheme involves feeding workers on half the number of estates with enriched rice, while those on the other estates will carry on with their normal diet of rice.

The Malayan Institute of Medical Research, which is conducting the experiment, hopes that the test would prove a success enabling estate employers to supply their labour forces with enriched rice.

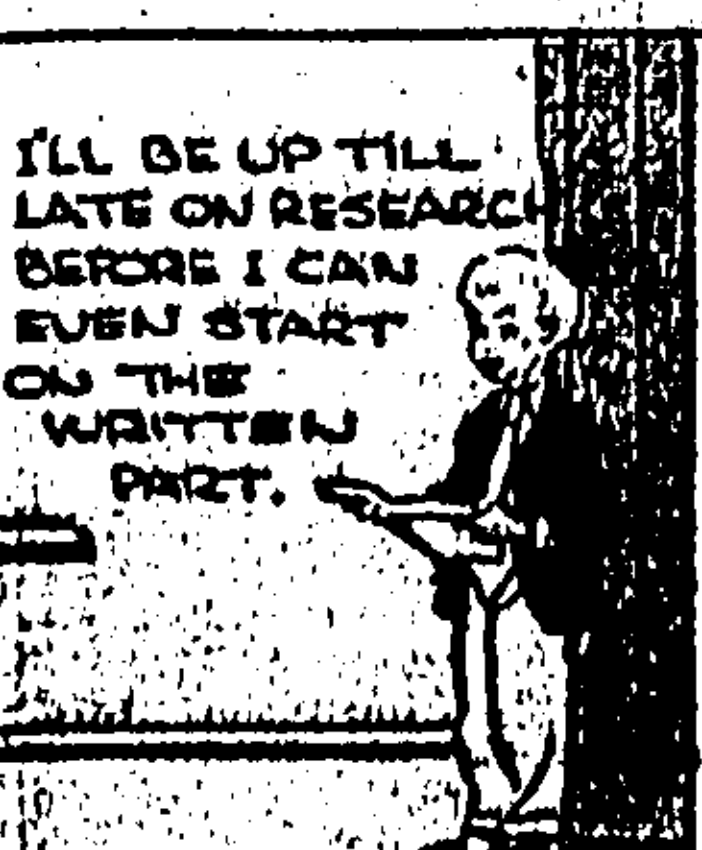
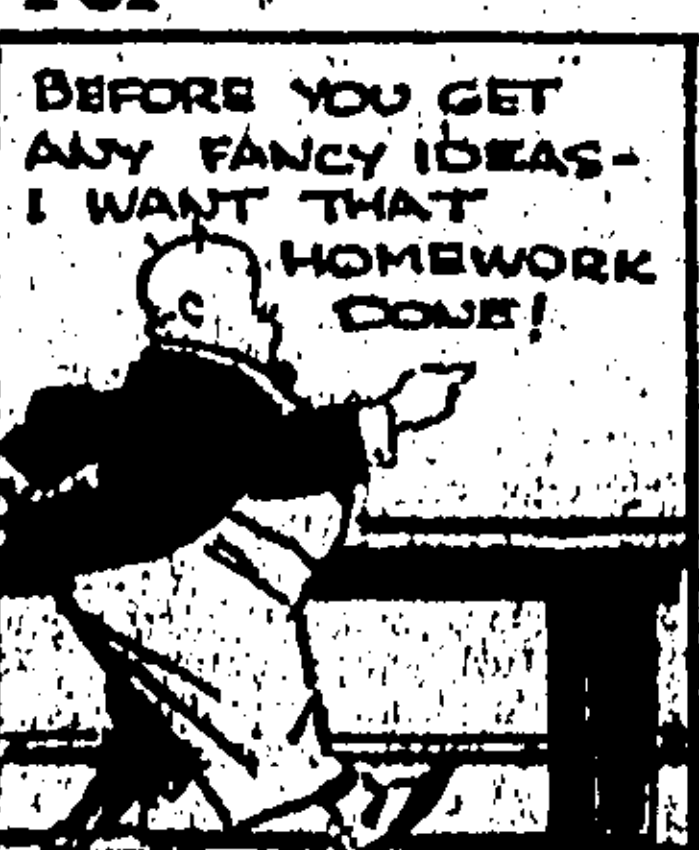
The Institute is also carrying on experiments to produce locally parboiled rice that would be acceptable to the general Malayan public.—France-Press.

## Throne Speech Motion Tabled

London, Dec. 1.

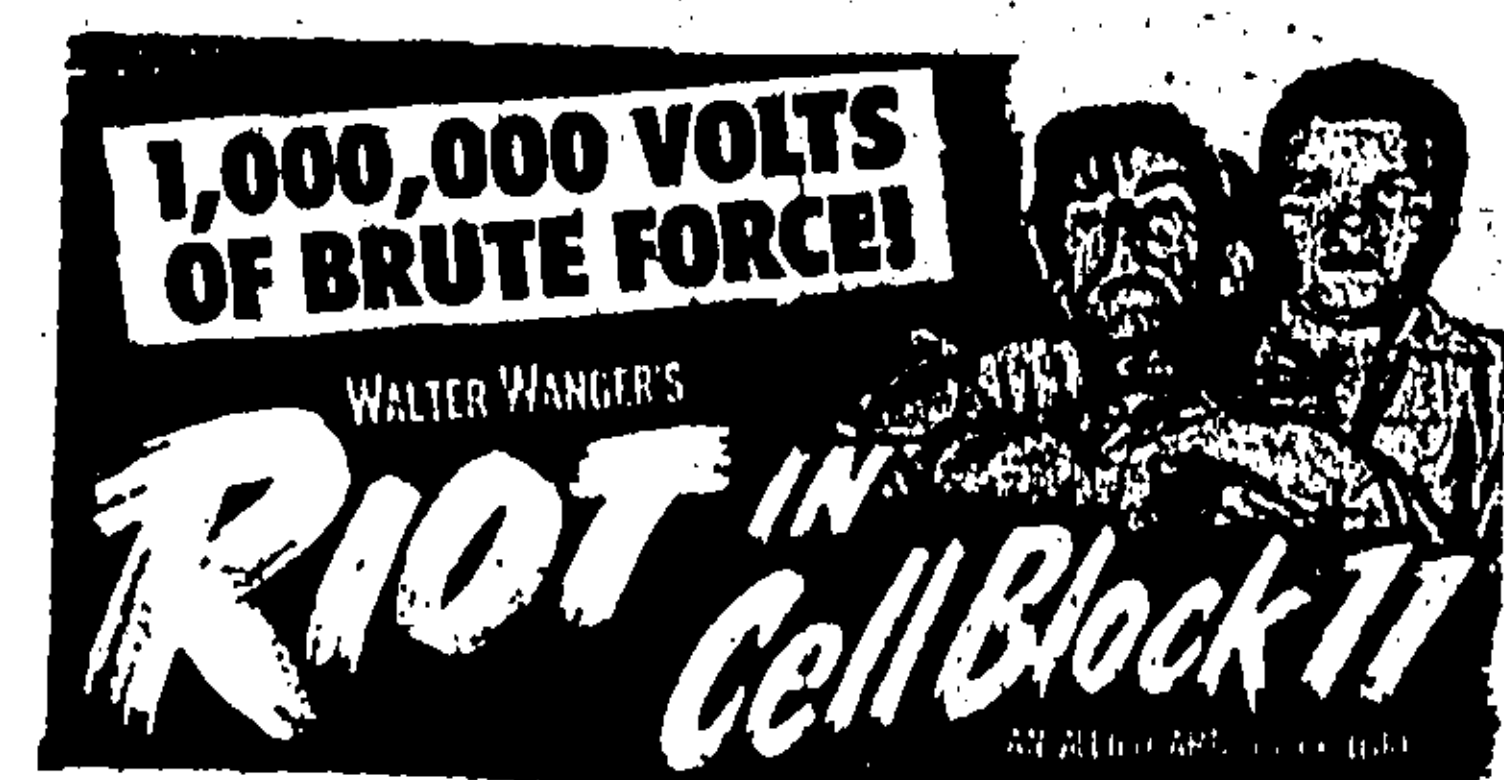
The British Labour Party Opposition tonight tabled two motions in Parliament criticising the "speech from the Throne" (government policy speech) for: 1. Failing to include any measure on social justice, 2. Failing to make a reference to the atomic bomb. A third Opposition motion on foreign policy, which is to encourage opening negotiations with the Soviet Union as soon as possible after ratification of the London and Paris Agreements, is to be tabled on Monday.—France-Press.

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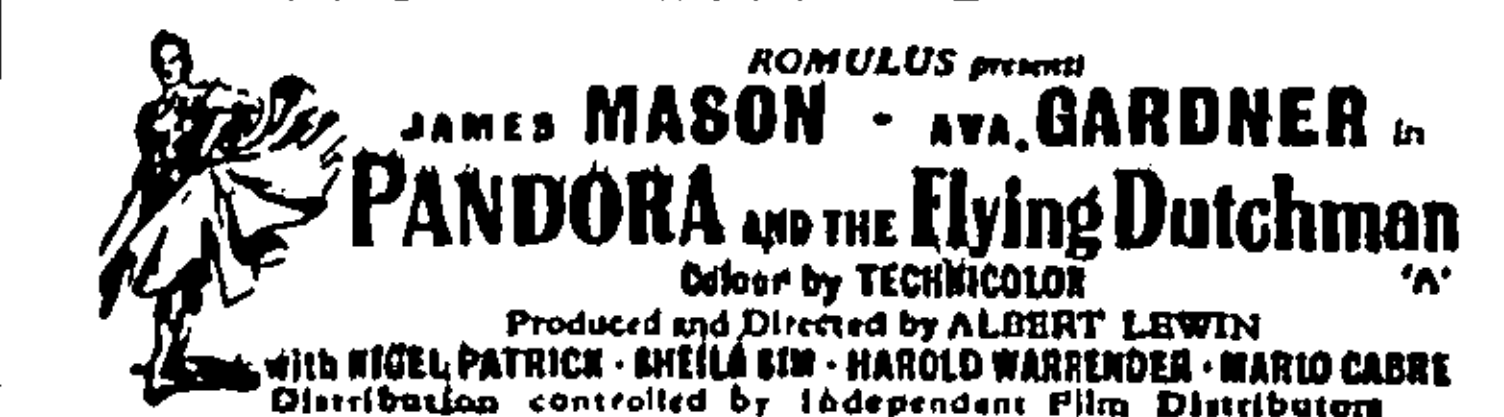
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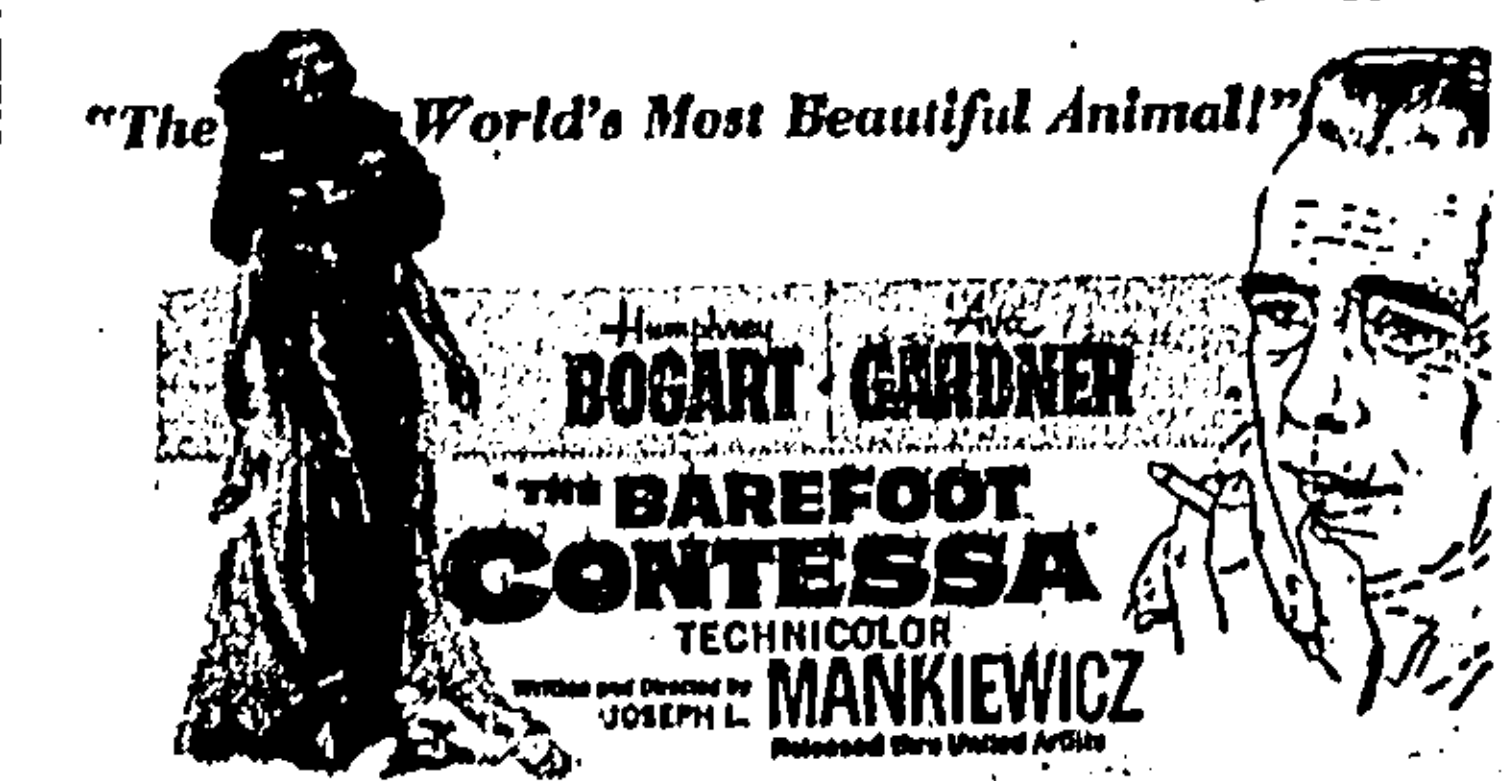
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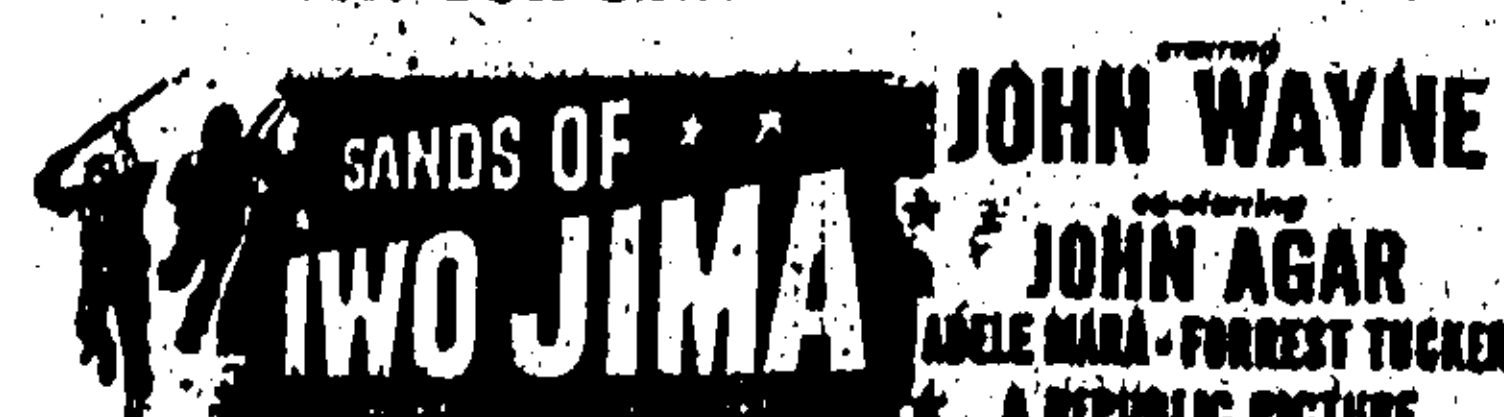
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# CHINA SUPPORTS EAST EUROPE



POPE PIUS XII

## Pope May Not Attend Marian Ceremony

Vatican City, Dec. 1. Vatican sources reported a slight improvement in the condition of Pope Pius XII today, but said that it still is questionable whether he will be able to attend the ceremony closing the Marian Year, a week from today.

Yesterday an official announcement said that the Pontiff would attend the solemn religious ceremonies in the Basilica of St. Mary Major, but sources close to the Pope's doctors said today that such activity by the Pope still is doubtful.

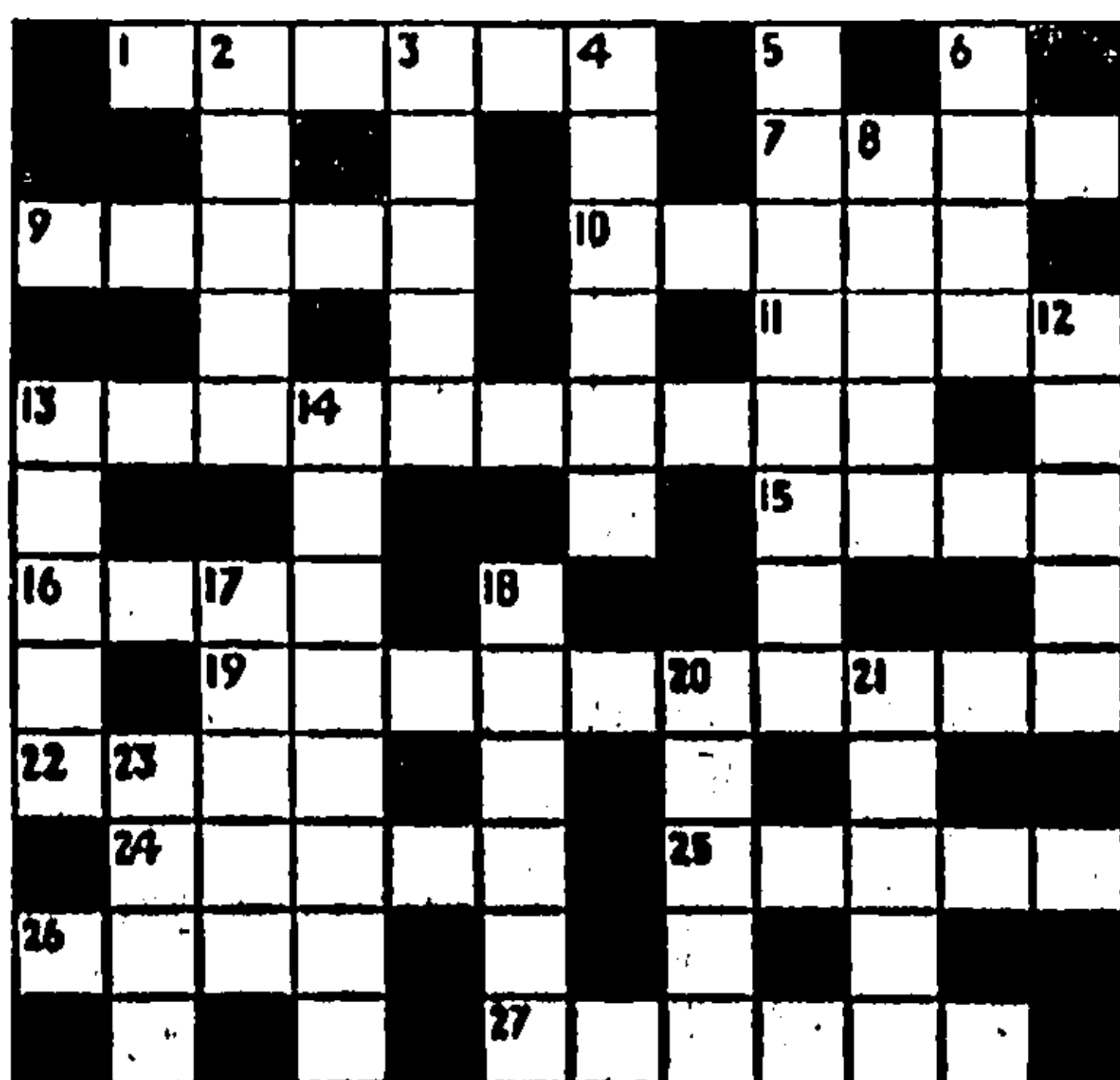
**REST ORDERED**  
The Pope's physicians, Dr. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi and the Swiss specialist, Dr. Paul Niehans, have ordered a period of complete rest for the 78-year-old Pontiff. He is suffering from a mild recurrence of a stomach ailment and hiccups which weakened him last winter.

Vatican sources said that despite yesterday's definite announcement the possibility could not be ruled out that on December 8 the Pope's physicians may rule additional rest is needed. These sources said that the Pope definitely will not attend this Sunday's beatification of the Italian monk Placido Riccardo. —United Press.

Brisbane, Dec. 2. A number of Royal Australian Navy air pilots will go to England tomorrow, the end of this year to complete conversion courses on jet and new anti-submarine aircraft.

This was announced here by Commodore D. Mel Russell, who said that Australia's new light carrier, HMAS Melbourne, would be equipped with Sea Venom jet fighters and Fairey Gannet anti-submarine aircraft. Commodore Russell, who arrived in Australia three months ago from the Royal Navy, is Fourth Member (Air) of the Australian Navy Board. —China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**  
1. Unemotional (6).  
2. Sign (4).  
3. Crusade (5).  
4. Fruit (5).  
5. Place (4).  
6. Amends (10).  
7. Commotion (4).  
8. Prejudice (4).  
9. Very hot (10).  
10. Behind (10).  
11. Pluck (6).  
12. Sluggers (5).  
13. Kernel (4).  
14. Enlist (6).  
15. Vagrant (5).  
16. Passenger ship (10).  
17. Swell (6).  
18. Author (8).  
19. Crooked (4).  
20. Scale (5).  
21. Scion (5).  
22. Insurgent (5).  
23. Rejoice (8).  
24. Flower (8).  
25. Avar (5).  
26. Mistake (5).  
27. Perfect (5).  
28. Before long (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1. Adhere, 4. Pluck, 7. Carpet, 9. Ripen, 10. Sign, 12. Robbery, 13. Dancer, 14. Tari, 17. Opal, 20. Lichen, 21. Minnow, 22. Skim, 23. Ship, 24. Coarse, 25. Fleet, 26. Chaste, Down: 1. Accusation, 2. Haridan, 3. Road, 5. Indicate, 6. Clever, 8. Merit, 11. Relative, 12. Ruler, 13. Tankard, 14. Stampede, 15. Pistol, 16. Loch.

## No Immediate Military Pact Expected ALL DEPENDS ON PARIS AGREEMENTS

Moscow, Dec. 1. Communist China today pledged "whole-hearted support" for all measures adopted at talks here between Russian and seven East European Communist nations.

Mr. Chang Wen-tien, Chinese Ambassador to Moscow, who is attending the conference as an observer, told the 35 delegates today the Paris agreements rearming West Germany would require strengthened defences "in the camp of peace and democracy."

He added that China wholeheartedly supports the decisions and all measures concerned with the preservation of peace and security in Europe that will be taken by the present conference.

Delegates from Albania, Hungary and Bulgaria today endorsed the view of Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany that the Soviet group must strengthen its defences and form a united command "in case the Paris agreements are nullified."

**TOAST TO FORCES**  
Mr. Chang did not indicate whether Chinese forces would also take part in any unified command. Western observers noted that at a conference reception last night Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Defence Minister, coupled the Chinese Army with the forces of East Europe in a toast.

The Chinese Ambassador told the conference that ratification of the Paris agreements "will not only lead to a deterioration of the situation in Europe, but will increase tension in international relations all over the world."

It is safe to say that if American aggressive circles, and the West German militarists, patronised by these circles, dare to unleash a new world war against the Soviet Union and the countries of peoples' democracy, they will meet a still bitterer fate than that met by Hitler.

"We in China are not afraid of war. We need peace but we are not afraid of a war directed against aggression," Mr. Chang added. A Foreign Ministry spokesman, who released the text of Mr. Chang's speech, said tomorrow's session would discuss the draft of a joint declaration by participants.

**POSSIBLE COMMANDER**  
Informed sources in the capital said Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky, wartime hero of the battles for Moscow and Stalingrad, had been named as the possible commander of a unified command.

## PAKISTAN UNITY PLAN SUPPORTED

Karachi, Dec. 1. Pakistan Premier Mohammed Ali in his first-of-the-month speech today declared that the scheme of uniting the different provinces of West Pakistan into a single unit "had met with one reportedly large majority support."

He added that the Punjab had accepted to have only a 40 per cent representation for 10 years in the West Pakistan Legislative Assembly, while the smaller units would receive 60 per cent representation, whereas according to the population, the situation should be reversed.

In Karachi, itself, government offices, the Federal Court and official residences will remain under the jurisdiction of the central administration. As for Kashmir, Premier Ali declared that the Kashmiris would retain their option and their will even after West Pakistan had been integrated. —France-Press.

## George Robey's Body Cremated

Brighton, Dec. 1. The little cane which he used to carry on the stage lay entwined with anemones on the coffin when Sir George Robey, veteran British comedian, was cremated today at Brighton.

The cane, which the 85-year-old comedian was clutching when he died on Monday, had accompanied him throughout his career and was part of his most famous act as a down-at-heel lugubrious person. Lady Robey's wrath of 25 years, one for every year of their marriage, referred to his other well-known theatrical trade mark ending: "...and the eyebrows rest forever more."

Leading actors and actresses, members of Parliament, stage groups and the British Broadcasting Corporation all sent wreaths. Stage screens and radio stars and a large crowd of other mourners attended. —China Mail Special.

## ICY CLUTCH

Nylstrom Transvaal, Dec. 2. Hailstones in storms which have recently hit the Nylstrom area of the Northern Transvaal were so big that one hen mistook them for eggs, and was found on a nest dazed with cold, trying to hatch out the icy stones. Another hen, caught in the open with her brood of chicks and unable to find shelter, protected the chicks with her wings though beaten almost unconscious by hail. She saved her chicks, and recovered from her ordeal. —China Mail Special.

## Imprisonment Of American Airmen

### China Paving Way For Mediator?

Newark, N.J., Dec. 1. The Chinese Nationalist Foreign Minister, Dr. George K. C. Yeh, said today he believed that the Chinese Communists, by convicting 13 American airmen, were attempting to pave the way for a neutral country to step in as mediator.

"I am certain that the Chinese Communists have chosen this moment to make this announcement for some definite purpose," he said in an address to the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce.

"They may be trying to pave the way for something to come. Or they may be trying to forestall something which may be brought about against their interests. Whatever their motive, it is certain that they know all too well that this announcement will shock the Free World."

**TENDENCY TO RELAX**  
"My personal feeling is that they are creating a situation for some neutral country to step in and mediate, and in the process of mediation they would present some counter-proposal in order to exact concessions."

Dr. Yeh said there had been a tendency to relax the economic embargo against the China mainland. He emphasized that anything that would strengthen the Communist economy would help to perpetuate Red control.

"There is no reason whatever why the Free World should try to bail the Communists out of their self-created difficulties," he said. "On the contrary, an embargo of the most stringent nature should be imposed so as to compel them to reflect a portion of their resources now employed in preparation for new wars to peaceful uses." —United Press.

## Indian Judges Wanted For Sudan

Hyderabad, Dec. 2. The Sudanese Government is to recruit 15 judges from India, since the judicial structure of both countries is stated to be similar, having been modelled on the former British Indian system.

The judges are expected to be recruited by the end of this year, when Sudan begins the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive. The appointment of the Indian judges in Sudan will be for a temporary period of five to six years. Knowledge of Arabic is regarded as a desirable qualification.

The Indian Government has asked the Hyderabad High Court to ascertain whether anyone in the state is willing to take up service in the Sudan. —China Mail Special.



Princess Margaret caught by the camera in a slightly pensive mood when John Jamieson, from Inverness, was explaining details of his home loom. Picture was taken during the Princess' visit to the Highland Home Industries Exhibition in London. —Central Press Photo.

## Churchill's Aides Suffered More Than Premier

London, Dec. 1. Sir Winston Churchill arrived in Parliament today completely refreshed after the ordeals of yesterday's celebration of his 80th birthday.

## Embargo Illogical Says Wilson

London, Dec. 1. Mr. Harold Wilson, a former Labour Minister, said tonight he hoped the British Parliamentary mission now visiting Japan would be able to bring back some useful advice about Japanese copying of British textile designs.

His own view, he said, was that these problems would not be solved until Japan was free to trade in her natural market, China.

It was illogical and strategically ineffective to maintain a substantial boycott of trade with China, he said.

Fighting in Korea had now been over 18 months. But the embargo still remained. Fighting in Indo-China had also stopped.

**U.S. OPINION**  
He knew of the difficulties how much the question was affected by the state of public opinion in the United States.

But the Government also knew perfectly well that the embargo was economically damaging to Britain and her export trade.

It was strategically ineffective because the goods could be sent to Russia and East Europe and shipped from there to China.

Mr. Wilson was speaking in the debate on the Government's programme for the new session of Parliament. The Government did not reply tonight. —Reuters.

## INFORMER GIVES EVIDENCE IN ASSAULT CASE

### Kenya Soldier On Court Martial

Nairobi, Dec. 1.

A former Mau Mau terrorist who now acts as an informer for the Kenya Regiment told a court martial here today he heard a woman's cries coming from a watch tower where he had seen Private Leslie Arthur Hughes take a woman prisoner.

Hughes, 27-year-old member of the Kenya regiment, is accused of causing grievous bodily harm to a Kikuyu woman, indecently assaulting her and lowering her into a pit, threatening to bury her alive.

He has pleaded not guilty to all charges. Two former Mau Mau men gave evidence today, one of them a former Mau Mau administrator named Waweru Kinyanjui, and another, Gitau.

Waweru told the court earlier today he was "shocked" to see blood pouring from the ears over the face of the naked Kikuyu woman, Wambui, whom he said he saw lying on the platform of an 80-foot tower in a Kikuyu home guard post.

**OATH ADMINISTRATOR**  
He admitted under cross examination to being a former Mau Mau oath administrator in the Rift Valley. He was caught and confessed in July this year.

Gitau said he saw Hughes and two Africans take Wambui to the tower's third floor, and later heard a woman's cries coming from the tower.

He denied under cross examination that he had agreed to help Waweru in doing anything to discredit the Kenya Regiment.

Gitau admitted he had taken part in a knife attack on a police inspector, 23-year-old Phillip Bignell, of Christchurch, Harare, last July.

He told the court he had confessed to belonging to the Mau Mau when "I learned the Mau Mau was not good."

Gatonye Karanja, a member of the Ngarara Home Guard, said he saw the woman lying partially clothed on the tower's platform with blood pouring from her right ear.

But Hughes did not do anything to Wambui when she was on the platform, last September. He heard Hughes was going to question Wambui and later he heard "many cries" and he believed it was Wambui who was screaming.

Waweru said he saw the daughter of a Mau Mau suspect lying on the platform last September. He heard Hughes was going to question Wambui and later he heard "many cries" and he believed it was Wambui who was screaming.

He climbed the tower, he said. There was blood pouring from both her ears and her stomach. "I was shocked and told the Home Guard to put clothes on her," he said.

Waweru said he later saw Wambui in Hughes' quarters. Hughes told him to ask her questions about the slaying of a loyal African by a Mau Mau gang. When Wambui denied any connection with the attack, Hughes told him to tell Wambui she would be given some tablets and that she would die, if she failed to give the information within 20 minutes.

**GAVE TABLETS**  
"Wambui was given two blue tablets by the accused who held her by the throat to make sure that she swallowed them," Waweru said.

Hughes then told her he did not want her to die but that he wanted her to talk. He then gave her another tablet saying it was an antidote. —China Mail Special.

## Flower Offering



The Prime Minister of Ceylon, Sir John Kotelawala, makes an offering of flowers at the Buddhist Vihara (Temple) at Knightsbridge, London. Watching him is the first Englishman to become a Buddhist priest, the Venerable Kapilawaddha, formerly Mr. W. A. Furber. —Reutersphoto.

## Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer



By Robert L. May







**T**he fascinating report from Moscow that "every able-bodied and redundant official should be put to material and productive work" caused certain interested parties to suggest that it was about time we did the same with our own thickly populated Whitehall.

As millions of able-bodied and redundant officials were rounded up to begin a great trek to the more industrial areas of the far North, Whitehall rang with cries of protest. "Another couple of dozen in here, corporal — take 'em away. Two more under the sofa, come on together on yer." "Fall in, me 'orrible redundant beauties."

Glenn owners looked with envy at the queue that stretched from Westminster to the wilds of King's Cross, on through the rural areas of Lillington, way out to the anything but wide open spaces of the Great North Road.

Suddenly, the walls and hallings of the able-bodied redundants stopped. Home soft-heartedness had let loose a rumour that in the vast industrial areas of the far North ran rivers of redundancy as fast as those in Whitehall. If not faster.

London Express Service

**RITCHIE CALDER revisits Israel and today begins an important series**

# OUT OF THE WILDERNESS A NATION IS BORN

**J**OHNNY, the East End tailor, took me to the top of the Galilean hill.

Across the River Jordan rose the escarpment of Bashan, patrolled by Syrian frontier guards. Five miles to the north glittered the Waters of Merom, at Hazer, where Joshua defeated the kings. Seven miles to the south lay Capernaum, where Jesus ministered.

"Remember this?" asked Johnny with a sweep of his arm over the immediate landscape — the vineyards, the orchards, the fields of grain, the vegetable crops, the sheepfold, the cattle-byres, the poultry-house and the tractor-centre ploughing the Biblical slope.

I did not remember "this." Instead I remembered the pitch dark night four years ago when I was lost in those hills. To the howling of the jackals and the fury of the watchdogs in a nearby Arab village, I had crawled between the rocks and groped my way among the boulders and thorns.

## Hands, hands

I remembered the click of a rifle-catch and the challenge "Who goes there?" and the reassuring laugh which came out of the darkness when I used my own pass-word. "And what part of Scotland do you come from?"

That night I slept in a tent pitched on the hillside and I awoke with the dawn, the magic of which could not redeem the barren desolation. The hill-landscape was a grim waste of stones and boulders, with barren-crowns wheeling overhead.

And I pined my companions, the youths and girls from London, Glasgow, Bradford, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Cardiff and Edinburgh who thought that this was their Promised Land.

## No mirage

In the years between, when anyone mentioned Kfar Hanaasi (The Village of the President) I had said: "You mean the garrison-post on the Syrian border?" I could never think of it as a farm-settlement.

"You see," said Johnny, my companion then as now, "we cleared those fields."

"Yes, Johnny, you did it, but I don't know how."

His answer was to extend the palms of a pair of calloused hands—hands which had stitched gun's natty suiting in an East End workshop. Hands that was the answer. Hands of Escher, the London typist, of Rene, the Glasgow mannequin, of Harry, the doctor from Leeds, of Michael, the divinity student, of Gabriel, the artist.

Hands, which had served in shops, worked in mines, pushed pens, coned the silk, and made dental-plates. Hands which had once been soft and were now hard had lifted those myriad stones and made those fields.

To prove that this was no mirage, Johnny Tendler, president of the audited accounts of this "kibbutz," the collective settlement of Kfar Hanaasi.

This year—just four years removed from that night in the barren wilderness—they have produced 10 tons of grapes, 500,000 eggs and eight tons of table-poultry from their 6,000 chickens, 32,000 litres of milk from their 450 sheep, 160,000 litres of milk from their 80 cattle, 200 tons of grain, 20 tons of peanuts and 60 tons of fish, from their man-made fishponds.

A surfaced road passes through the hills, over which I had crawled. Pipelines bring water from a spring miles away. They have electric light.

## Books, books

Kfar Hanaasi is a communal settlement, the 150 members of which share everything—even the cigarettes which, like the women's cosmetics and clothes, are issued by the commissariat. They have no money—except when they are travelling on kibbutz business. All earnings are "ploughed back" into the land.

It might even be said that the 85 children, born adopted as infants since 1950, are shared. The kibbutz, without breaking family ties, takes full responsibility for them.

They are cared for communally while their parents work in the fields.

They have their sleeping quarters, their nursery, and their infant school. And they will go on, at kibbutz expense, to the secondary school in Galilee, perhaps to the Hebrew University or the Technion in Haifa, or even abroad for higher education.

After the first solid buildings had been built for the flocks and herds and poultry, the next permanent buildings were the children's quarters.

"First the animals, because our existence depends on them," said Johnny, "then the children, because the future belongs to them, and then ourselves."

So the grown-up live in huts with plywood walls and have truckle beds, like the one I slept on in the tent four years ago. They have few private possessions—perhaps a radio set, or an electric tea kettle.

And books. Books books. The hut in which I lived was that of a girl settler absent on leave. Her books were about 1,000, poetry and music. But mainly ballet, with prints of ballet dancers and settings tucked to the wall. Ballet in the wilderness!

Harry took me to see the new buildings for the children. It was mid-afternoon and we went softly because the children would be resting. But the doors creaked and a little girl came out of her cubicle and scolded us. We would wake the babies, Harry apologized.

"That's my daughter," he whispered as we slipped out. Harry Goldstone is a doctor who abandoned his profession

in Yorkshire to become a land-worker in Israel. But Israel needs doctors, and he is a skin specialist.

So the whole kibbutz assembled and voted that he be named as a specialist for Upper Galilee. He lives in the kibbutz, doing his stint, but he goes off in the car which his settlement provided for him, to attend his hospital and his clinics. But, at any time, he can be recalled to tend the sheep or hoe potatoes.

Many of Israel's civil servants, including the permanent delegate to the United Nations, live "on loan" from their kibbutzim in the same way.

Then there is Joe Cinnia. I did not recognize Joe at first.

He had shaved his beard since I shared a tent with him and, there above the Waters of Jordan, had talked through about

the night Clyde-side.

Joe is a foundry-expert from Glasgow, a humble member of the kibbutz, but his other standards one of Israel's big industrialists.

"Remember my foundry?" he asked. Of course I did—vividly. It had been an improvised affair lit by acetylene lamps, where he had been casting fittings for the irrigation pipes which the settlement four years ago had still to acquire.

Today it is replaced by two large buildings, with an aircraft "graveyard" alongside. In one, Persian immigrants have borrowed Joe's skill in moulding. The other is a well-equipped machine shop. There they are converting junk-metal into the modern tools needed for irrigation systems all over Israel.

Not far away they are draining the Hula Marshes and in

many settled times the water will be carried from Dan to Eshteha and the fittings which will irrigate the Biblical Wilderness, in the Negov, will be cast here in Kfar Hanaasi.

"From each according to his ability," to each according to his need. From Johnny, the tailor with a genius for farm-management, from Harry, the doctor, from Joe, the foundryman....

This is not a Communist settlement. It is Mapai, the Israeli version of British Social Democracy combined with a Zionist dedication which accepts hardships, self-denying ordinances and sacrifices, which makes shifting boulders and mucking byres almost ritualistic.

That is the spirit which has turned the stones of Galilee into bread and brought grapes from thorns.

And that is the spirit which they are passing on. Attached to the kibbutz are 60 youngsters of the Nahal.

Nahal is military service with a difference. Conscripts from the towns and older settlements can go to spend two years of the 2½ years army service on the land, and to form new settlements when they are discharged.

The youths and girls of Nahal have spent a year at Kfar Hanaasi. They are about to leave for another year's training in the desert. And they are going to Sde Boker, where Ben-Gurion, who renounced the premiership of the state he created, has settled.

A strange land, this, where the modern Moses chooses to lead the Children of Israel out of the Wilderness!

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Up The Hard Way

Harry Walker bought a saw-wood's second-hand machine for a few shillings and began his sawmilling business in an orchard. Today his Midlands business covers all aspects of the timber trade and calls for the use of plant worth £20,000.

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## COPYING BRITAIN IS THE LATEST AMERICAN VOGUE

New York, Tuesday. **F**IND a new admiration in the United States for Great Britain, a higher regard, more emphasis on the "Great." Whether it is the aftermath of the Queen Mother's visit, the spectacular diplomacy of Sir Anthony Eden, the rise in value of the pound sterling, or the Wolverhampton Wanderers' victory over Spartak, I really don't know. Anyway, the feeling is here and tangible.

The Americans are beginning to copy us more and more. Even our clothes are being copied.

I have noticed, particularly on Fifth and Madison Avenues, that more American men are wearing dark suits, generally parson-grey and of British cut, with little padding in the shoulders and narrow trousers.

Round their necks are the famous old school ties of English hand or regimental colours.

Since I got back from Canada I have seen half a dozen New Yorkers wearing the black tie with the pale blue stripe of the Old Etonian.

The bulky, light-coloured, wrestler shoulders, baggy trousers and the sunburst ties are out, except among the sports on Broadway and in Harlem.

Even cheap tailors in the garment centre of New York are advertising "the new British conservative cut."

And to top it all, the weather during the past week has been very much like London. In November—fog, smog, rain, downpour and drizzle, one grey, gloomy day after another.

One of our most admired exports at the moment is Mr Anthony Nutting, British Minister of State, who is only 34. Mr Nutting asked me over to his suite at the Ambassador Hotel, on New York's Park Avenue, for a drink the other day.

Nutting is proving a good partner—perhaps sometimes even a senior partner—of the United States' Henry Cabot Lodge.

If we have young Mr Nutting the U.S. has young Mr Richard Nixon, the Vice-President.

He is 41 and has never had more power. He looks rather like Fred MacMurray and is perhaps a better actor.

He has emerged from the election campaign with increased stature and prestige as far as the Republicans are concerned, and the target of more vehement criticism from the Democrats than anyone in the Administration.

On his way

If Mr Eisenhower does not run again, Nixon is up there as a strong possibility for the Presidential nomination.

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Ha is a man of vast energy and limitless ambition. He believes he is on his way.

I dropped in at the United Nations today and found the marble halls not the same without Mr Vyshinsky.

He was rather popular in a strange way and his bright red face, his shock of blindingly white hair, his somewhat savage smile, had become part of the scene at the peace tower on the East River.

Great names

NEW York City is full of great names just now. Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery, who receives an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at Columbia University today, has been holding Press conferences, making speeches, and delivering lectures around the town.

He made a bit of a blunder by saying "Where's Buffalo?" a year ago, but now he's probably going to be given the keys of the city.

Buffalo people at first retorted indignantly: "Who's Montgomery?"

But an American can have pointed out that what-ever else might be said about Buffalo, nobody can deny that it is there.

Now the field-marshal describes Buffalo as "the cat's whiskers" and the citizens are wondering if he has seen the plimmet. I hear that several copies of "Shuffle Off To Buffalo" have been sent to the field-marshal.

Mr Joseph Smallwood, the Prime Minister of Newfoundland, is a dynamic orator. He is publishing Labrador's Iron ore, which he says will meet the steel industry's needs for a decade.

Once a newspaperman as well as a pig farmer, Mr Smallwood is a dynamic orator. He uses all the old tricks, but with a splendid freshness.

Dramatics

I WENT to a dinner recently at which he made a speech. He had us all mesmerized.

He said, making a dramatic gesture, "I reach my hand in the air, I seek a word. What is the word?"—and all the while grabbing in the air—and then, after a tense pause, saying "The word is 'magnificent'."

I am sure Mr Smallwood had thought of the word hours before he made his speech, but it was effective.

Of course, against the competition of Field-Marshal Montgomery and Mr Mendes-France Mr Smallwood has been relegated to the back pages, but not for long.

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## POW HAD AN IDEA THAT PAID

By J. W. TAYLOR

**D**URING the First World War Manchester-born Edgar Chesstok spent a lot of time darning his socks whilst in a German prison camp. He got so darned fed up with it that he decided to invent a machine which cut the time involved and made the task all the easier. Upon his release, he developed his prison camp ideas and put on to the market a labour-saving darning gadget he now supplies to customers all over the world.

Such strange twists of fate started similar successful businesses of Britain today. There are, for instance, the Messrs Edith Brown and Rosa Martell, of Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Whilst serving in the A.T.S. they paused in their ironing chores to discuss over a cup of tea their plans upon demobilization. A glance at the ironing board—a somewhat rickety affair—gave them an idea.

At the end of the war, with only £20 capital between them, they took over a disused food store at Thornton Heath. Then they bought the garage next door, and laid the concrete floor, then

themselves, and turned the whole of their property into a factory stretching over 3,000 feet. Here they started to make ironing boards and kitchen tables. Their business flourished until today they are supplying these to 17 countries.

The classic success story concerned the youth who founded a business in the back streets of Oxford repairing undergraduates' bicycles in a small shed. From this he went into the motor manufacturing business, and so greatly prospered that when he retired not long ago he had given away £30 millions.

## Sheer Tenacity

Although this Nuffield saga is known to all ambitious men and women, none give promise of approaching his genius and his superlative success, but for sheer tenacity of purpose, those Mrs Elizabeth Joyce, a pleasant, unassuming housewife of 51.

In 1937 she started making chocolates in her kitchen. Quaint stuff, too so much so that her neighbours to whom she had given a taste told her to stop making them for sale. She

did so, sacrificing large immediate profits to keep up the luxurious quality of her home-made products.

Friends and neighbours bought them, then others, until rocketing sales obliged her to employ a girl to help, then another, and then another. Within two years she was employing 75 girls. Her husband, a valued pioneering partner in the venture, gave up his work to run the business side of what was now a company.

The war hit the business hard, but the Joices, with only 20 girls and sweet rationing in operation, worked all hours to keep the business going. They survived the ordeal, and at the end of the war trade increased, but a fire badly damaged the factory in 1948. So they moved to new premises at Camberley, Surrey, where they have a thousand of tools experts and a thousand men and women on the factory payroll.

The Joices cope with the flood of orders coming in from all over the world. This year they hope to pass the million sterling mark in the sale of their chocolates. Last year's sales topped £750,000.

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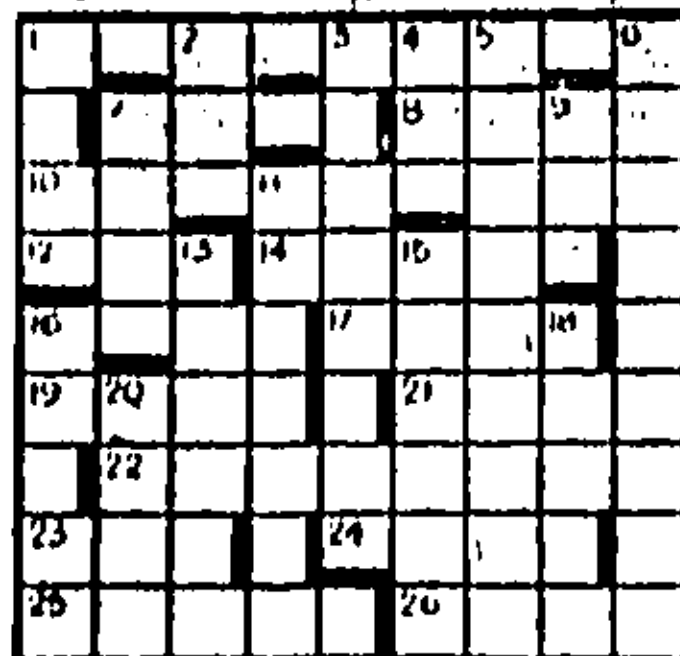
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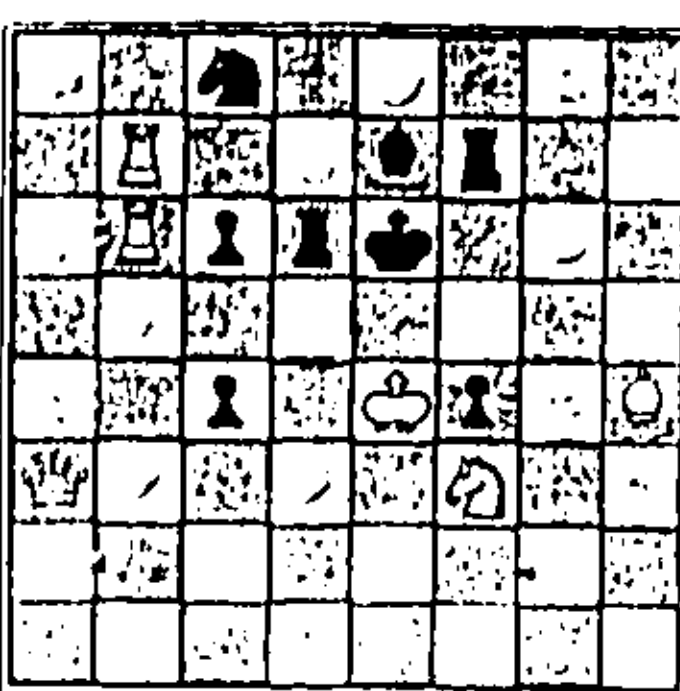


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## CHESS PROBLEM

By ARTHUR A. PAUL  
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Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-K5, threat 2. B-B5 (ch).  
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## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

BORN today, you have a keen sense of the high value of co-operation when it comes to getting things done. You are a project person. You know how to make large-scale plans; how to secure the help of others; how to work to carry the project through to successful completion. You may not even be the originator of an idea, but if you believe in it and become interested in it, you can produce it with great results. You are a fine salesman of merchandise as well as of ideas. In selecting your life work, be sure that you choose an occupation or profession in which working with people is one of the major requisites for success.

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Take care in the selection of a business partner. You have the capacity for great happiness but your mate must be someone who is able to adjust to your rather complex nature. One who is too divergent can only bring dissatisfaction and a desire for change.

Among those who were born on this date are: Dr. Joseph Guillian, French physician; F. B. Kellogg, statesman; Paul Althouse, tennis player; Harry Flagler, promoter; Franklin D. Roosevelt, inventor; and Jesse Crawford, noted organist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

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## Heavier Grounds May Have A Lot To Do With The Slump In Ideas

The heavy grounds have arrived and inevitably the quick, short-passing game is not being played to the extent it was when the dry, grass-clad grounds were with us. The ball plays a great many tricks on heavy grounds. It stops dead when a player is expecting it to come through, and it takes a great deal of moving in the thick, heavy mud.

Consequently the more open game is being played by the majority of British teams, which means more of the long ball. In my opinion the long ball can only be used on rare occasions.

The majority of teams I have seen and played against this last few weeks are playing the ball forward too much, generally by means of an aimless kick upfield in the hope that the forward line will get it.

This is a natural thing, of course, for a defender can ill

afford to make the slightest mistake in clearing his lines in a mud-covered penalty area.

The result, however, is that the short ball to his wing half or inside-forward is not being used as often as it was at the beginning of the season.

To my mind English football is not as good as it was in the first six weeks of the season.

### STRAIN BEING FELT

The reason, I think, is that we are now almost half-way through the season (it soon passes, I know) and the strain of the promotion and relegation struggle is being felt by a number of League sides.

It is that very thing being put into practice at the start of the season are gradually going by the board mainly through this tension and quest for points.

We always say a point before Christmas is worth two after Christmas.

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They require a different type of game from that played on the light ground. The very heavy ball and ground combine to make the game scrappy and hard tackling wing-halves more often than not come out best against ball-playing inside forwards, because they can tackle with the knowledge of getting no second knock or hard

bruises such as you get on the light grounds.

There is no question either that what the average fan wants to see is goals.

Take the Chelsea and Manchester United game at Stamford Bridge when United won by the odd goal in eleven. Some of my friends said it was the best game in years even though their team had lost.

### VERY GOOD AVERAGE

An interesting point is that in the First Division the goals scored by November 20 were 736 from 398 games—a shade less than two per game on average—and a very good average indeed.

In the Second Division it is slightly less—709 goals in 393 games, but is still pretty good for all-round average.

I cannot let this occasion pass without mentioning Wolves' great victory over Spartak and to say "well done" for a magnificent performance.

I think that Arsenal's efforts the week previously "softened them up" and it's a fact that we made more scoring chances at Highbury.

If you think that these so-called super-fit players are much fitter than our League players, you should have seen them in the dressing-room after the Highbury game as I did. They were all in, just as they were in the last ten minutes at Wolverhampton.—(London Express Service)

## Women Wrestlers To Perform In Macao

Macao, Dec. 1. The world's six foremost women wrestlers, Mildred Burke, May Young, Beverly Anderson, Gloria Baratin, Ruth Boatcalle and Rita Martinez will give two performances here on December 8 and 9 in one of the leading theatres.—France-Press.

## WEEK-END SOFTBALL

The following are the fixtures for the week-end softball matches to be played at King's Park.

### SATURDAY

Junior Division: Pandas v Overseas at 2 p.m. Umpires: Y. F. Chan, K. C. Wong, H. K. Chan.

P.I. Dodgers v Lynx at 2 p.m. Umpires: Paul Tu and 2 C.A.A. players.

Seventeeners v Blackhawks at 3.30 p.m. Umpires: J. F. Yee, Johnson Shen, Allen Owen.

South China v C.A.A. at 3.30 p.m. Umpires: F. Diesta, M. Ferras, J. Cheng.

### SUNDAY

Ladies: South China v Wahong B at 10 a.m. Umpires: J. Chaves and 2 Dukes players.

Colleens B v Colleens A at 10 a.m. Umpires: M. E. Nunes and 2 Blackhawks players.

Senior A: Pandas v Warriors at 11.30 a.m. Umpires: A. J. Hussain, Ed Carvalho and one Braves player.

C.A.A. v U.S. Navy at 2 p.m. Umpires: H. Wingle, H. Bordwell, J. Carvalho.

Senior B: Americans v Blackhawks at 3.30 p.m. Umpires: W. Woo, Y. S. Liang, A. Oliveira.

Juniors: Wah Ying v 25 Founders at 3.30 p.m. Umpires: three C.A.A. players.

### HOME RUGGER

London, Dec. 1. Guys Hospital beat London University by nine points to three in a Rugby-Union match played here today.

The Hospital led 9-0 at half-time.—Reuter.

## FANLING GOLF

The Qualifying Round for the Mitchell Plate was played over 18 holes on the Old Course at Fanling on Monday and resulted in a victory for Mrs L. Goldman with nett 75.

The 16 lowest scores in this round qualify for the match-play stage of the competition, these were as follows:

Mrs L. Goldman	75	20	Nett 75
Mrs A. Hayes	88	13	75
Mrs S.M. Backe	95	19	75
Mrs R.H. Genniss	100	13	75
Mrs Van der Tuuw	100	23	75
Mrs E. Brooks	92	14	75
Mrs D.L. Anderson	100	25	75
Mrs G. Edgar	99	20	79
Mrs J.C. Brown	98	18	79
Mrs W.N. Gray	99	15	79
Mrs Dawson-Grove	91	10	81
Mrs F.G. Harrison	95	14	81
Mrs J. Blitt	100	20	81
Mrs J.B. Mackie	95	14	82
Mrs W.P. Whitwell	95	16	82
Mrs R.L. Lunden	114	30	84

Following is the draw for the First Round:

Mrs E. Goldman v Mrs R.H. Genniss, Mrs Dawson-Grove v Mrs W.P. Whitwell, Mrs F. Brooks v Mrs F.G. Harrison, Mrs S.M. Backe v Mrs J. Blitt, Mrs W.N. Gray v Mrs J.B. Mackie, Mrs Van der Tuuw v Mrs R.L. Lunden, Mrs D.L. Anderson v Mrs G. Edgar.

First Round to be played on or before December 16. Second Round to be played on or before December 20. Semi-final on January 11 and the Final is scheduled to take place on or before January 20.

Mrs Dawson-Grove won the November Eclectic over the Old Course with 72-4=nett 68. Mrs J. Wal being runner-up with 71-2=nett 69.

A "string" competition was played on Tuesday, November 30 and this was won by Mrs E. Brooks with gross 76. Mrs Dawson-Grove and Mrs J.B. Mackie tied for second place with gross 79. Mrs Dawson-Grove being declared the winner by virtue of her better score over the last six holes.

The Ladies' Section Annual General Meeting is being held today at the Helena May Institute, Garden Road. Proceedings commence at 5.30 p.m. and it is hoped that all who are able to attend will make every endeavour to do so.

## Two Japanese Net Stars To Compete In P.I. Tourney

Manila, Dec. 1. The initial matches for the third Philippine Tennis Association open tournament will feature two visiting Japanese stars to be played on December 9 at Rizal tennis courts.

The visiting players, Atsushi Miyagi and Juji Takayama, first and third ranking Japanese players in Japan, will arrive in Manila tomorrow which will give them five days to acclimatise themselves.

All the ranking Philippine tennis players except Felicissimo Ampon are entered in the tournament.—France-Press.

## TWO SHILLINGS TO COME IN

Melbourne, Dec. 1. Two lads, finding an unattended turnstile at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, admitted 20 people for two shillings each to watch a match.

A ground official noticed the stream of people walking towards an empty pavilion and told them there was no play because of rain.

They could not get their money back because the "gatekeepers" had. Not—China Mail Special.

## THE AVA GARDNER STORY

# SHE MILKED COWS AND PICKED COTTON, BUT WITHOUT ENTHUSIASM

By J. M. RUDDY

North Carolina is one of those South-Eastern States in America that has been romanticised in song and legend.

For thousands of simple people there is nothing particularly romantic about North Carolina, either in the morning or the evening, in winter or summer, especially summer. To them it is just a place where hard, sweated labour sometimes brings scant reward.

It's doubtful whether Smithfield, North Carolina, is known to you, or for that matter, to millions of Americans.

To Ava Livinia Gardner Smithfield is very familiar. It's practically home. She was born on a tobacco farm near Boom Hill, eight miles from Smithfield.

Where is Smithfield, population about 8,000? It's on the highway, about 25 miles south-east of Raleigh, tobacco centre of the South.

Seventh child of Jonas and Mary Elizabeth Gardner, nicknamed Molly, Ava arrived early on Christmas Eve, 1922, in the 21st year of her parents' marriage.

Jonas was 44. His wife was 40. Together they had raised a family of four girls and two boys, despite the hardships of crop failures and low prices.

Once he had owned his own tobacco and cotton farm. When Ava was born, Pop was a share cropper. He rented the land and paid for it by giving the owner a share of his tobacco and cotton.

If tobacco and cotton prices were down, if the crops were poor, he, like thousands of other tenant farmers in the South, went into debt.

The Gardners lived in a frame house with an open porch around it, for shade and for the breeze hoped for in sultry summers.

Ava shared a room with two of her sisters.

Like them, she helped in the house and on the farm.

### NOTHING ROMANTIC

"Did I work?" she echoed. "Everyone worked. If you didn't work, you didn't eat. There's nothing romantic about

being a tenant farmer's daughter."

"As soon as I was old enough to work and use my hands, there were chores I did and willingly. We went through the fields planted with tobacco and we picked the worms off the tobacco leaves."

"See these hands?"

"She extended graceful, well-manicured hands. They've been black with soil and dust and dead worms at the end of a day many a week. The scars in her hands picked we kids used to hand the crop out of the lories so the grown-ups could grade it."

"We helped hang out the leaves to dry, then tied the dried leaves into bundles. The black gum or sap would stick to my hands until they were covered with a thick layer, like gloves."

"The only thing that would take off that black gum was lye soap, which also took off the skin at times."

Ava laughed.

"North Carolina? Fields of cotton. Plantations of tobacco. Barges strumming and mammy's hummin' in the fields of cotton, my eye! It was hard, sweaty work."

"I went onto the field barefooted because I didn't have shoes to wear. I was like the other kids."

"Believe me, I've milked cows and picked cotton, but not with any enthusiasm."

"I didn't like that kind of hard work never have. Who would like to work in the blazing heat and come back home to a house like a furnace?"

I thought of the way Hollywood has pictured the South. The stately mansions of the owners of plantations; the vast, airy rooms with the fragrance of magnolias wafted in on the afternoon breeze; the frou-frou of tulle and the soft swirl of lace and silk as lovely women danced with handsome blades in a ball lit by hundreds of candles in Georgian silver holders and the chorus of bull-ropers calling to their mates by the slow-flowing river beyond the vast lawns.

### BACK TO EARTH

Ava Gardner's forthright comments brought me back to earth, the earth Ava knew as a child. She had eased her feet out of her shoes and was wiggling her toes.

"One of my sisters was already married and away from home by the time I was seven, but my other sisters and my two brothers and I, we all had chores to do, like all farm kids, and being the baby of the family didn't let me out of any of them."

"One thing I hated was washing dishes. With my sister Myra—she's next youngest daughter to me—I used to battle over doing the dishes."

Probably because she was the youngest, Ava noticed that being married and having a family was the happiest thing in the world for a girl.

Her mother was a wonderful woman, very affectionate, warm, kind, with a remarkable endurance and a great capacity to create something out of very little.

Through her childhood, Ava learned the realities of life, the values that are important whether you are the wife of a struggling tobacco farmer or the wife of a world-famous singer.

Friends of Ava have told me that her family could not have been much poorer. Yet despite the vicissitudes and the poverty, there was love in the Gardner home.

Hard-working, idealistic, hopeful for his children more than for himself, Jonas Gardner prayed for better times. His good wife sustained him through the hardships.

### HAIR LIKE SUNSHINE

At the age of seven, Ava was a merry cheerful child, with sparkling green eyes, and her hair like sunshine and naturally wavy.

One of Smithfield's veteran tobacco auctioneers, N. L. Perkins, recalled Ava thus: "Why I've known Ava Gardner since she was knee-high to a duck, I remember going out to her daddy's farm one day and there was Ava, golden hair, a big basket, sweeping up apples. I think she was about seven or eight."

"I said to her daddy: 'Brother Jonas, is this your baby?' 'Yes, sir, she is,' he says. 'Well, says I, 'If she was my child, I'd get right on a train and take her to Hollywood.'"

Ava went to the consolidated school at Erogen, a small town near the farm, and it's recalled that Mrs Gardner once was matron at the "teahouse," a sort of boarding house for teachers.

Her older sister runs the county store in the town, speaks affectionately of Ava. "She was a Christmas baby and we were all grown up when she came along. She was a lively kid, real cute."

When Ava was about six years old, one of her sisters accidentally struck her under the right eye with a hoe while they were working in the fields. The scar is covered with makeup for the cameras.

At school, Ava was a good student. Walking home one day, she realised she had left her books behind. She ran back. The little schoolhouse was locked up. That didn't stop Ava. One side door had a broken pane. She squeezed through the opening and cut her leg badly on a piece of glass.

She didn't join clubs and school organisations. She didn't take part in school athletics, not even when she went to a larger school in Newport News, Virginia, where the Gardners moved for about three years when farming became too difficult.

Her first beau, Hugh C. Talton, manager of a general store, recalls that Ava had a sense of humour.

"Once," he says, "we got caught in a storm in my old roadster with the top down. And I couldn't get it up. We both got soaked to the skin and Ava, she just laughed."

Did Ava show any acting ability during her high school days?

"Once, just once," she told me. "I tried out for a school play. They practically threw me out. I was much too shy. I couldn't walk and I couldn't talk."

"When I was at elementary school nothing bothered me. I took part in the little operettas. I loved to. But when I became 11 I got shy and awkward and never again gave a thought to acting."

Just about the same time her hair became darker and the beauty destined to make her a film star began to be revealed.

With the idea of getting a job as a secretary and helping out in the family, Ava Livinia Gardner took courses in shorthand, typing, business English and bookkeeping.

"I learned to type 65 words a minute and to take 125 words a minute in shorthand, but looking back I think I should have studied something that would have broadened my mind and improved my outlook," Ava said when talking about her year at Atlantic Christian College.

Her sister, Beatrice, married to Larry Tarr, a commercial photographer who was specialising in theatrical portraits, was living in New York. Beatrice invited Ava to stay with them. Perhaps Ava might do some modelling. Oh, Beatrice knew quite well that Ava wasn't interested in modelling or acting.

But she did know that Ava had blossomed into a rare beauty, and that if she wanted there were jobs for her.

Until she got married. For a happy marriage and a family was Ava's ambition.

On a weekend excursion train Ava went to New York. And her brother-in-law said: "I'd like to take some photographs of you." He did.

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AVA GARDNER — she was born on Christmas Day on a tobacco farm in North Carolina.

## ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE ORDERS

Orders issued by Mr Fung Ping-fan, C.S.I.J., Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong District, Order No. 48/64. Dated December 2, 1964.

Ambulance Duties—Hong Kong.— 5.12.64-11.12.64, Eastern Amb. Div.; 12.12.64-18.12.64, Causeway Bay Amb. Div.; December 1964, Shekwan K.F. Amb. Div.

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Penetration Squad Duties.—5.12.64, Annual Inspection & Parade, cancel.

Football Duties.—4.12.64, 2 p.m. Club Ground: Eastern Amb. Div.; 5.12.64, 2 p.m. Club Ground: Kennedy Town Amb. Div.; 5.12.64, 1.40 p.m. Boundary Street Ground: KYMCA Amb. Div.

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The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Monday, the 6th day of December, 1954, to Monday, the 20th day of December, 1954, both days inclusive.

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# Mr France Aims To Beat Africa Opposition

Paris, Dec. 1.  
The Premier, Mr. Pierre Mendes-France, launched a drive today to beat down the dangerous opposition to his reforms for North Africa and clear the legislative way for ratification of German rearmament.

The new Western European Union (WEU) won a preliminary victory in the powerful Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly even as the French Premier acted to clear the way for the great debate later this month on its approval.

In quickening steps, he pushed through minor changes in the constitution of the Fourth French Republic last night and then moved on today to confront the uneasy Gaullist critics of his policies in the vast French North African empire.

His success still hung in the balance. The Assembly debate on December 10 is the one dangerous obstacle in the way of the later and greater debate on ratification of WEU.

M. Mendes-France met for nearly two hours with a parliamentary delegation on the former followers of General Charles de Gaulle in an attempt to reassure them about his policy in North Africa.

At the same time, he sought to speed up negotiations for a successful agreement on home rule for the protectorate of Tunisia before the debate deadline.—United Press.

# Store's Birthday Party Successful

Sydney, Dec. 2.  
A store here decided to throw a party for its first birthday.

In newspaper advertisements, everyone living in the metropolitan area of Sydney was offered free rail tickets to come to the party.

It took a squad of police and five extra ticket collectors to handle the 21,430 people who accepted the offer.

They poured into the store to enjoy free refreshments, a jazz concert, a fashion parade, moving pictures and, of course, were given the opportunity of keeping the cash registers ticking until practically everything was gone from the shelves.—China Mail Special.

# Red A-Tests May Have Disturbed Jays

Lüneburg, Dec. 1.  
The unprecedented arrival of large-scale flocks of Siberian jays in Lüneburg Heath, in Lower Saxony, have made German ornithologists wonder whether they have been driven from their Arctic breeding grounds by the five atomic explosions said to have been detonated there by the Soviet Union since May.

Another theory is that the birds may have been disturbed by attempts which the Soviet authorities have been making to turn the course of the Ob and Yenisey rivers in whose valleys they breed.

These rivers flow into the Arctic Ocean, but Soviet engineers have been trying to harness their waters to irrigate the vast steppes of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

The birds were at first thought to have come from East Prussia or Lithuania, but later research has given them a Russian origin. The jays had not been seen in Germany within living memory.—France-Press.

# Marriage Becomes A Science Says Psychologist

Duesseldorf, Dec. 1.  
A psychologist, Dr. Guido Groeger, who believes that "marriage is a science like any other" has founded West Germany's first marriage school to prove it.

"Love cannot be taught, but with a little effort things can be made very easy for it," Dr. Groeger says and adds that couples should explore the practical difficulties and problems of marriage before signing on the dotted line.

Dr. Groeger, alarmed by the West German divorce rate, still, with 50,833 in 1952, the highest in Europe in spite of a gradual decline from the record in 1948, believes that if similar schools could be set up elsewhere the divorce rate would slump.

His courses, started last May, have attracted a flood of applicants from people between the ages of 20 and 30. Three parallel series, each with about 40 students, are run for the unattached, the engaged, and the newly-married respectively.

Each course costs five marks (8s 4d) and lasts ten weeks, with the "students" meeting once a week for discussions, lectures, and social evenings.

Dr. Groeger says that the course for the unattached brings together people who are strangers to each other. "After a couple of meetings, participants begin to arrive in pairs. Later, most have found a companion." The courses have been "a complete success."

Students have to explain why they are interested in the school. Typical reasons given are "We need help," "We want to find out about marriage," or, "We have rather special views about marriage and want to see whether others share them."

An "ideal couple" is elected at the end of each course for the engaged and newly-married. They are the ones who have "the best agreement on marriage problems, with some mutual tolerance, but not carried too far."

Typical subjects for lectures, delivered by Dr. Groeger or members of his team of six psychologists, and of discussions

are, "The human animal goes around in two's," "Between maturity and marriage," "The inner psychological processes of matrimony," "The meeting of the sexes," and "The unchangeability of sex."

Some come to the courses because they find that they quarrel all the time. They want to air their problems in public. A few engaged couples find out during the discussions that they are incompatible and the engagement is broken.

## MOST PROFESSIONS

Dr. Groeger advertises his school in North Rhine-Westphalian churches, schools and factories. Most professions are represented among the students, with a fair sprinkling of engineers, salesmen, post office workers, business secretaries, and a few gardeners.

Dr. Groeger believes that the fundamental problems of marriage are the same in all countries, but the centre of gravity of the question varies. He lists Germany's special worries as the aftermath of war, which shattered family life, insufficient sexual education, and "too romantic" a view of marriage, which he blames on the cinema.

His school aims at showing marriage as "a problem which can be solved."

Another German difficulty, he says, is that harsh postwar conditions, with an embittered struggle for life, have matured young German men faster than women. "The male students at my courses are far more earnest and more serious than the girls," he declares.

Dr. Groeger also blames Germany's wartime "long distance" marriages, organised by the Nazis to boost army morale, for the failure of many marriages. Under this scheme, soldiers at the front could be married by their Commanding Officers under the falling shells of the enemy. In a register office back home, at exactly the same moment, the bride went through a similar ceremony.

Dr. Groeger, who also gives private consultations on marriage problems, says that unfaithfulness in West Germany is far more frequent among men than among women. Most of his private clients are women.

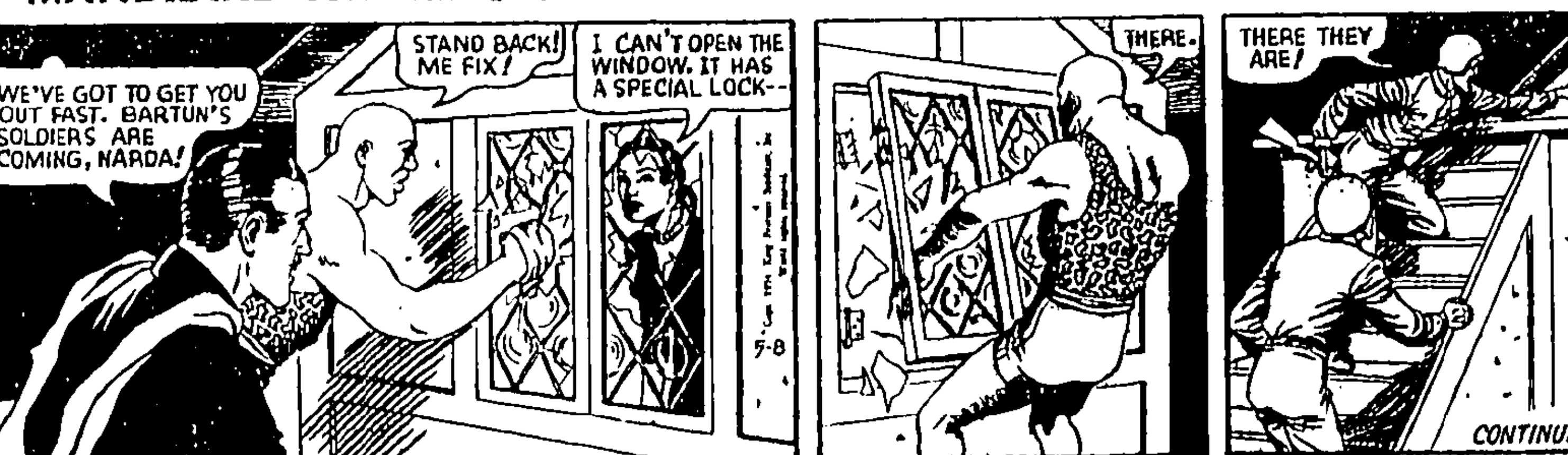
MEETINGS ARRANGED  
One sideline of his new school is a "marriage bureau" with a difference. People write to him explaining how they visualise their future partner. The letters are collated in a pamphlet which is then mailed to each writer. Meetings are arranged, and the new acquaintances are invited to join the course for the unattached.

Dr. Groeger says that some of his inspiration has come from writings distributed by the Department for the Christian Education of Adults of the Methodist Church of the United States, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Groeger himself is happily married and has six children.—China Mail Special.

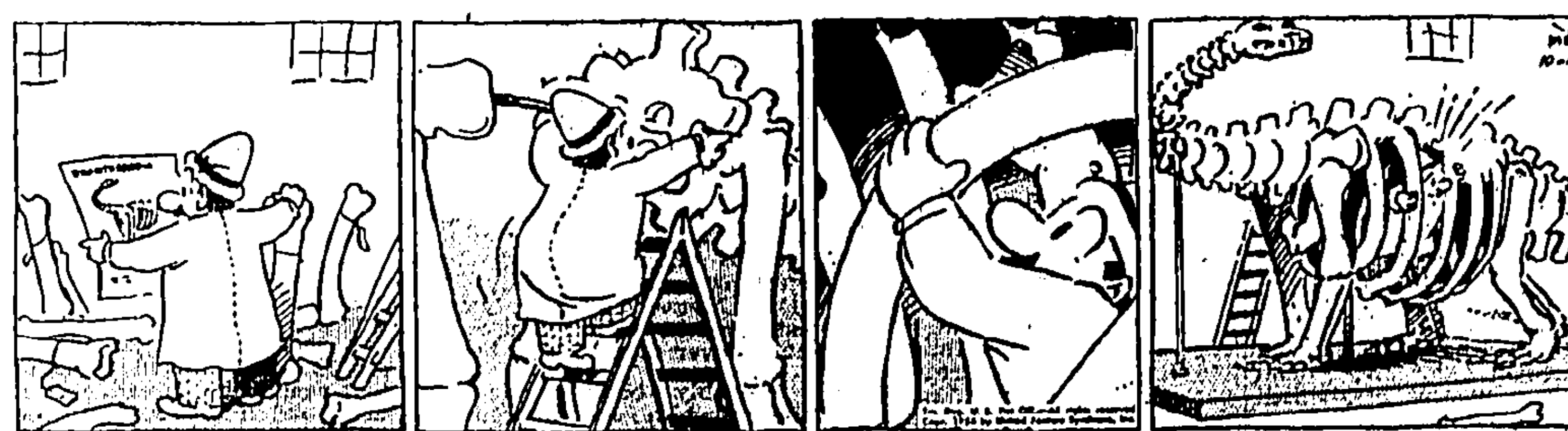
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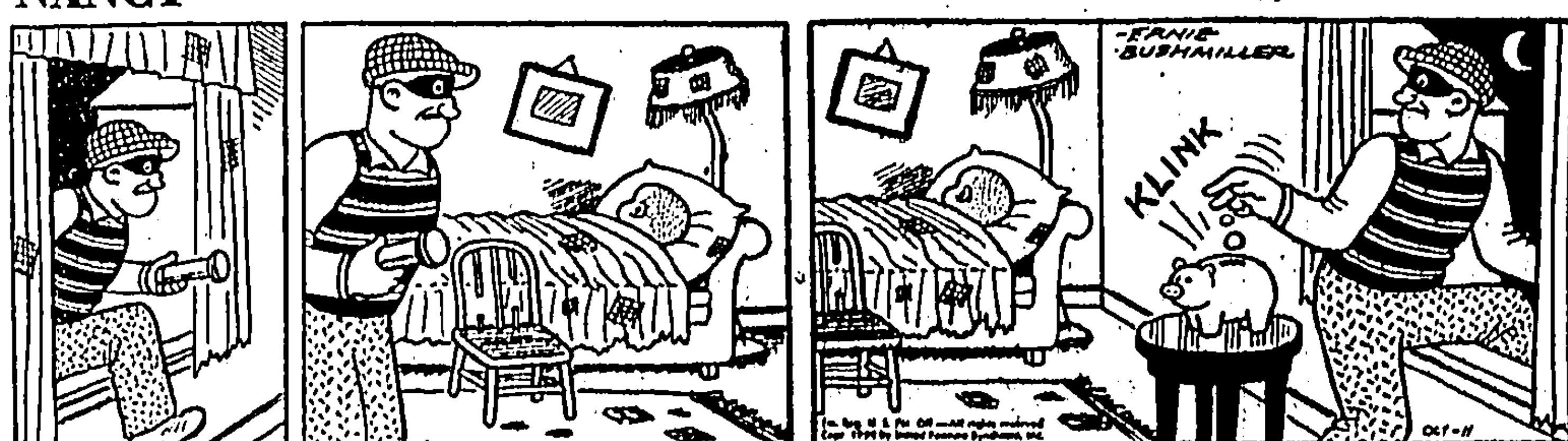
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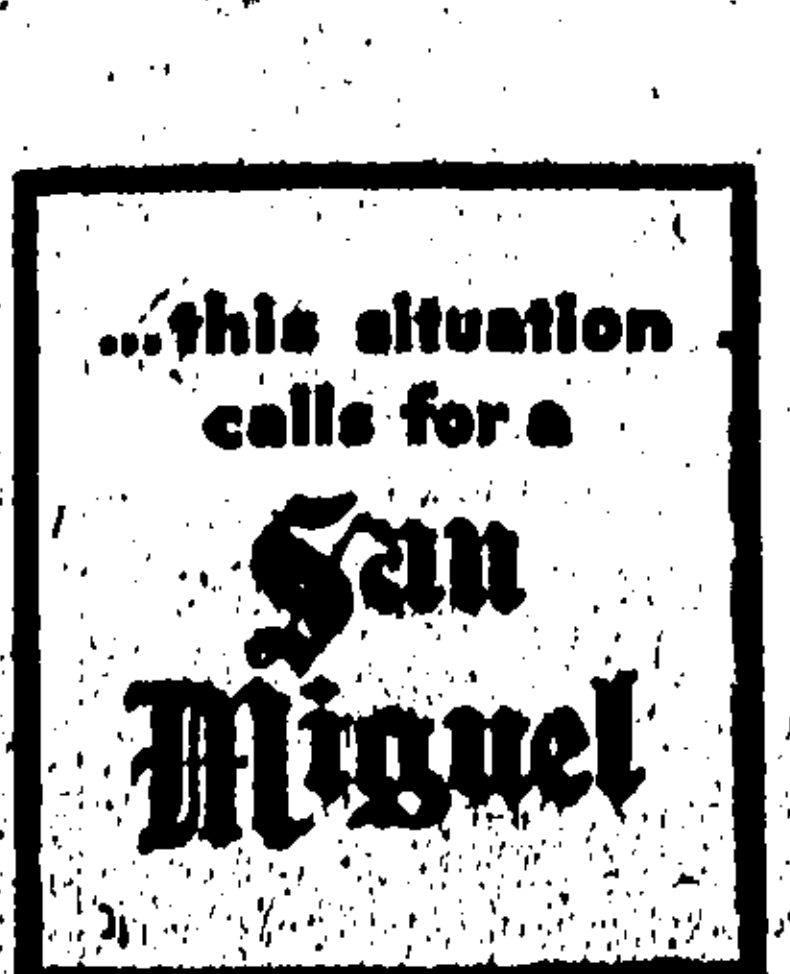
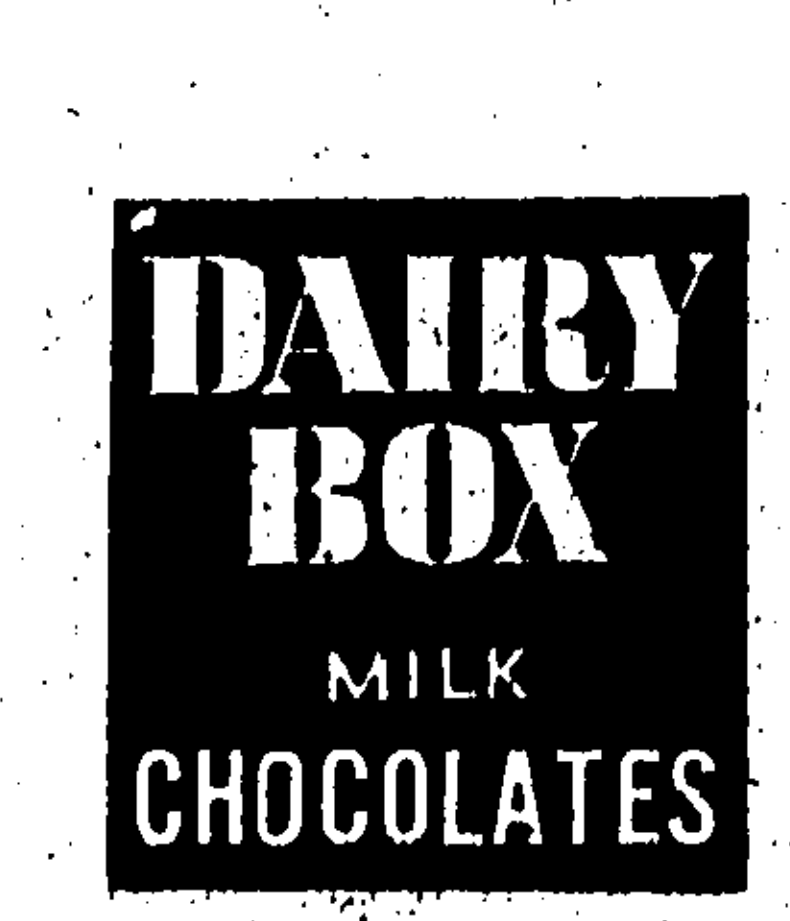
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# Dancing Girl Loses Ear In Fight

Singapore, Dec. 1.  
A Singapore dancing girl brought her right ear to court in a bottle recently and charged another woman with biting it off during an argument.

The plaintiff, Fatimah binte Said, said she was starting a fire to cook her dinner one day when a bit of coal dust fell by accident into a pot belonging to Zaidah binte Mohamed Bakri, a former dancing girl and mother of two children.

An argument developed. Zaidah lost her temper and bit off most of Fatimah's ear — but then, much to Fatimah's relief, spat it out again. Fatimah picked up the remnant, put it in a bottle and hastened to the hospital hoping to have it sewed on again. Doctors said it could not be done.

The biting Zaidah was sentenced to one day in jail and fined \$400 (134).—France-Press.





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## Current Book Reviews

# Sir Winston Was Looking For A Jujube

Britain celebrated Sir Winston Churchill's 80th birthday on November 30 with a spate of spoken and written tributes to his statesmanship, his political genius, his versatility—and his wit.

The humour of the Prime Minister was in the forefront of the tributes, for the idea of being an exaggerated stimulus has perhaps never been so ridiculed. He will never get used to the idea of being a really old man—nor will the House of Commons, which still counts on him as much as ever for its fun as well as its drama.

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The authors put on record Sir Winston Churchill's liking for Mr. Clement Attlee, the Labour leader and former Prime Minister.

"The two learned to respect one another's qualities during the war (when Mr. Attlee was Sir Winston's deputy) and even the dust raised by the heated political battles of Westminster after the war never obliterated the bond of loyalty that developed between them.

Another Churchill birthday publication is a book of tributes by many eminent public figures, edited by Sir James Macdonald. It is published by Cassell and Company, Ltd., London (the "Sir" under the title "Sir").

Three unusual sea stories are among the latest autumn issues of British publishers.

First to appear was "A History of Marine Navigation," by Per Collinder, translated from the Swedish, which tells in simple straightforward style the story of man's battle with the sea down the ages.

Collinder traces the history of navigation from the first recorded sea voyage of 4,800 years ago down through the days of the lads—magnificent as the sole instrument of navigation to the present day of radar aids. He surveys all the evidence about the ancient Chinese as seamen, the pioneering in the navigation field by early Arab mariners, and pays tribute to Prince Henry the Navigator who founded the first school of navigation in Portugal.

This book (published by B.T. Batsford Limited—21s) shows the growth of navigational instruments from the astrolabe to the sextant and the first chronometers made by an Englishman named Harrison. It is well illustrated and written in a style to suit the layman as well as the specialist.

From the publishing firm of George Harrap came two sea stories on one day. One of these, "The Deep-Sea Tow" (published at 10s 6d) is a first novel by an able seaman from Glasgow, Chris McManus—who served in ocean salvage tugs during the war.

This is a convincing yarn about a little known aspect of life at sea, the work of the tough ocean-going tug, rarely more than 100 feet long and under a thousand tons burthen which reap their harvest of disabled ships in heavy weather.

McManus, who won his first literary successes as a short story writer, gives a vivid picture of this rugged life in his account of the vendetta of Luke Matheson, first mate, against Captain Kane, master and owner of the tug Leader.

## World Cotton Markets

New York, Dec. 1. Cotton futures declined today for the second consecutive session. Trading was moderate. At the close, prices ruled six to 12 points lower. New Orleans futures finished three to 11 points lower.

There was some overnight hedging at the opening and a limited trade demand as prices ruled 8 points lower to two points higher. Buying was mostly on a scale-down basis. Further hedging and some profit-taking in the afternoon held most contracts at their lows for the day.

Many traders were awaiting the loan figures which were released after the close. There was a belief that substantially more cotton must enter the loan to bolster market prices.

There were 15 December transferable notices issued here by a leading spot interest. Trading volume and open interests in the Exchange today were:

	Volume	Open Interest
Dec	9,300	77,100
Jan	72,100	890,300
Mar	1,000,300	1,000,300
May	24,900	482,400
Jul	5,900	110,100
Sep	1,700	24,200
Oct	2,200	24,100
Nov	1,300	12,900
Total	158,300	2,900,000

## NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.75
Dec	34.12
Mar	34.40
May	34.70-72
Jul	34.65
Sep	34.60
Oct	34.45
Nov	34.40
Dec	34.30
Mar	34.20
May	34.10

## NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	33.70
Dec	33.15
Mar	34.47
May	34.70-72
Jul	34.65
Sep	34.60
Oct	34.45
Nov	34.40
Dec	34.30
Mar	34.20
May	34.10

## LIVERPOOL

Futures closings, American middling, 15/16 inch, in pence per lb., were as follows:

Dec/Jan	31.74
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## DULLES QUESTIONED ON NEW U.S.-NATIONALIST MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY

Washington, Dec. 1.

Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, said today that under a new United States-Nationalist China treaty the probable result of a Communist attack against Formosa would be a state of war between the United States and Communist China and a counter-attack against the Chinese mainland.

After announcing the conclusion of negotiations for the treaty Mr Dulles was asked at a press conference if a Communist attack on Formosa would be followed by a state of war with the United States and a counter-attack against the Communist-held mainland.

Mr Dulles replied that would be the probable result. He said that the treaty would clear a good many things that he believed had been a Communist attack, there must be a certain liberty for mobile forces to retaliate at places and by means chosen by the United States.

### NO GENERAL WAR

That was a general principle and it could apply in the case of an attack against Formosa. He emphasized as he did in his Chicago speech that the treaty did not mean the United States would be committed to a state of war by dropping bombs all over the map.

Mr Dulles anticipated that the treaty would be signed in Washington within the next few days and would have to be ratified by the United States Senate.

He made it clear that the position of Quemoy, Matsu and other islands held by the Nationalists would not be affected by the treaty.

### ISLAND STATUS

He said the status of these islands was neither promoted nor demoted by the treaty. The task of the United States armed forces was to defend Formosa and the Pescadores, he said.

## JOINT STATEMENT RELEASED

A joint statement released simultaneously in Washington and Taipei said the treaty was the first of a new pattern of United States security pacts in the Western Pacific.

The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, made the announcement at his press conference. He said the agreement would "forge another link in the system of collective security between the United States and other countries in the Pacific area."

Mr Dulles said the area of the treaty included Formosa and the nearby Pescadores Islands as well as the Western Pacific Islands under United States jurisdiction.

### FULL TEXT

Mr Dulles added: "The treaty is directed against threats to the security of the treaty area from armed attack and provides for continuing consultation regarding any such threat or attack."

The text of the joint announcement was: "The United States of America and the Republic of China have concluded negotiations for mutual security pacts."

"The treaty will recognize the common interest of the parties in the security of Taiwan (Formosa) and the Pescadores and of the Western Pacific Islands under the jurisdiction of the United States. It will provide for inclusion by agreement of other territories under the jurisdiction of the parties."

The full statement made tonight by the Foreign Office spokesman said: "Conversations about this treaty have been going on for a long time. The British Government has not been consulted about the treaty nor seen the text."

"The Government has, however, been generally informed and is in contact all the time with the United States Government about the general situation in the Far East."

"The British Government has urged the importance of stopping the fighting in this area and of preventing further outbreaks. The Americans are aware of the dangers in that respect and the British Government has been assured and tonight's statement itself confirms that the treaty is purely defensive."

"The British Government is satisfied that its object is to place relations between the United States Government and the Nationalist Chinese Government on such a basis as will result in a closer degree of consultation."

He reiterated that the United States was not going to make any public announcement of possible moves in the event of a Communist invasion of the offshore islands, adding that the question would have to be considered by the military authorities in the first instance and the President would then make a final decision.

Mr Dulles was then asked how the treaty changed the status quo of the Formosa area. He replied that the Formosa and the Pescadores would now be placed in the same category as far as treaty relationships were concerned, as Korea, the Philippines and Australia and New Zealand.

The treaty made it clear, he added, beyond any doubt that as far as the United States was concerned, Formosa and the Pescadores were not on the bargaining counter for international trading.

Before Formosa was the only large island in the area not protected by the treaty. Many people felt that that indicated that perhaps the United States was willing to make some deal which might give the Nationalist stronghold to Communist China.

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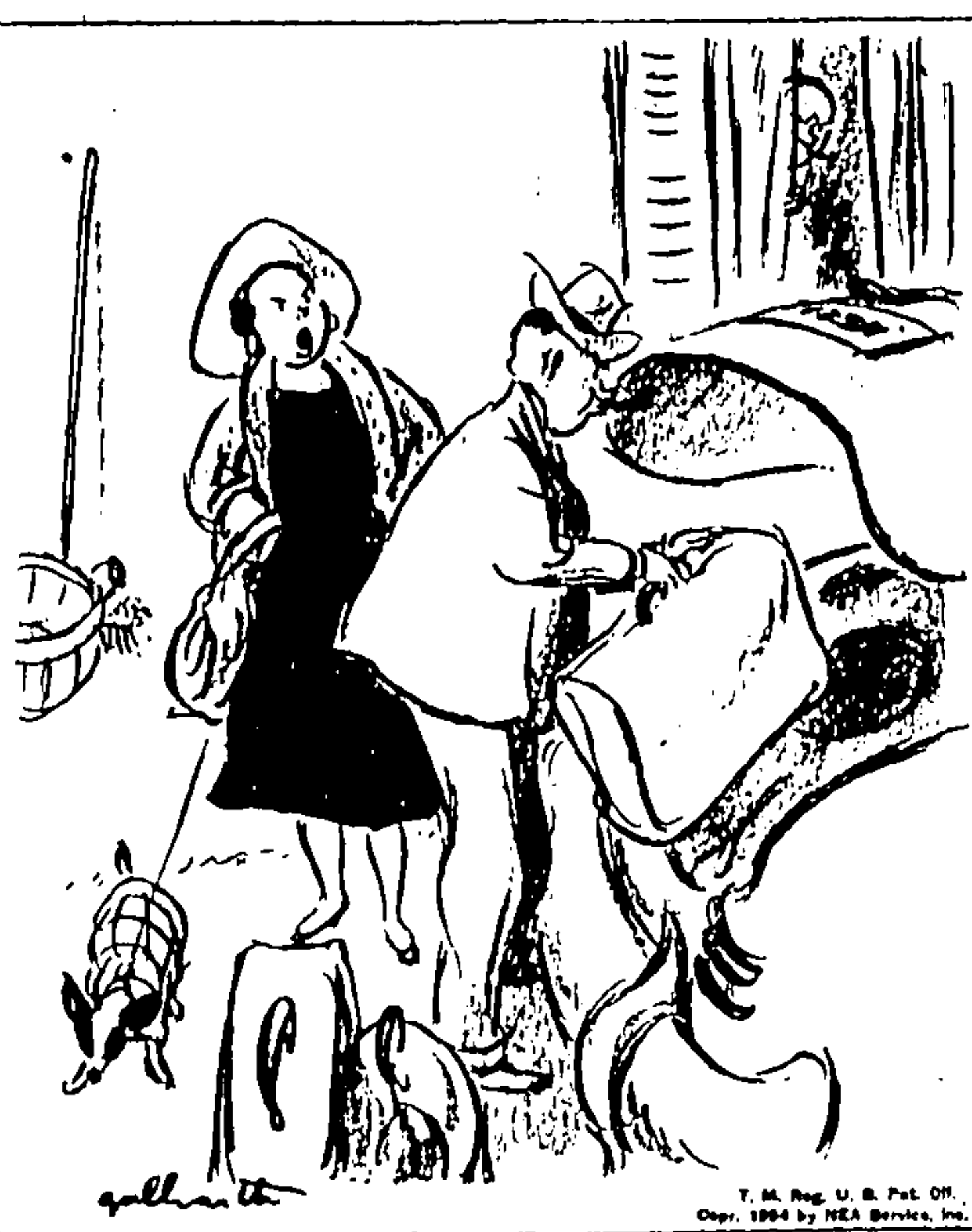
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## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"We had two years of wonderful peace with all your relatives, but you weren't satisfied—you had to visit some of 'em!"

## 22 Tunisian Fellaghas Surrender To French

Tunis, Dec. 1.

The first Tunisian bandits (Fellaghas) to surrender under the Franco-Tunisian amnesty laid down their arms in the Mateur region of Northern Tunisia today.

According to a message received in Tunis from the mixed teams of carabinieri sent out to arrange the surrender, 22 out of an estimated 100 bandits operating in the region have surrendered to the authorities.

The bandits are offered complete freedom and help in rehabilitation if they lay down their arms. They have been given until December 10. Last night the authorities received a surrender note from Lushar Chridi, described as one of the leading bandit chiefs in Southern Tunisia.

Between 25 and 35. All the 22 who surrendered were between the ages of 25 and 35. French officers accompanying the Tunisian Government's carabinieri stood aside while they handed in their arms and received in exchange the Government's certificate of pardon.

Among the 22 was the leader of a band of about 100 Fellaghas. He did not hand in his arms but left to contact other leaders, agreeing to meet the Franco-Tunisian surrender team the day after tomorrow. The Fellaghas said non-political bandits were posing as Fellaghas in the region and they shot six of them for holding local inhabitants to ransom.

The seventh had been captured by the Fellaghas and was about to be shot when the Tunisian carabinieri arrived and saved his life. While some of them surrendered others continued armed attacks. In the Reja region six men robbed a Tunisian farmer of jewels and money. Another in the Sferna region was robbed by a band of five. About 12 bandits attacked two guards at an olive oil depot, seriously wounding one of them.—Reuter.

The Duke of Edinburgh told students today he would like every university man to be able to work his way round the world on five pounds sterling. The Duke, who is Chancellor of the University of Wales, was addressing students at the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire before going to the City Hall to swear the oath of loyalty to the Queen on becoming an honorary freeman of Cardiff.

The students in a cheerful rowdy mood sang "Why Was He Born So Beautiful" as the Duke sat in with civic and University officials. Addressing the undergraduates, he said: "You may hear about trade gaps, world shortages and surpluses, about things being in short or long supply, but the commodity which every man needs in this country—more than any other—is daring."

"And you are here because you have led—or misled—competent judges to suppose that you have them if only in embryonic form." The Duke told the laughing audience.—China Mail Special.

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## Alleged Murder On The High Seas

## FIREMAN DENIES FATAL STABBING OF SHIPMATE

Ship's fireman Ali Mohammed Yehia, 59, this morning denied he inflicted fatal wounds on a fellow Arab seaman when his trial for murder was resumed at the Criminal Sessions.

Yehia is charged with the murder of elderly Mohammed Nasser, a fireman on board the British ship Ernest G. Pathy, on the high seas off the west coast of the United States on August 31.

Nasser was found in the ship's stokehold with his throat slit from side to side, according to the Crown case.

The accused testified that he forced Nasser's hand which held the knife towards his throat and stabbed him three times. Then he left the stokehold. The wounds were very slight, the knife remained in Nasser's hand and Nasser was still doing his work when he left.

SLAPPED HIS FACE  
The trial is before Mr Justice J. Reynolds and a Jury of three men and four women.

Yehia is being defended by Mr Terence Shurlock, instructed by Mr J. R. Oliver. He denied the charge.

The Prosecution is conducted by Mr J. W. D. Hooley, Crown Counsel, assisted by Del. Insp. F. Lodge-Buckingham, of Marine Police.

Continuing his evidence from yesterday, the accused said that Nasser slapped him in the face while he was sitting down in the stokehold. Nasser then drew his knife which he used to cut tobacco and stabbed him in the chin. As Nasser was standing over him, it was not easy to escape. He caught hold of Nasser's hand and drove the knife into his throat three times.

The accused declared that he had no knowledge of the other wounds which witnesses said they found on Nasser's body.

A GOOD MOSLEM  
Asked by Mr Shurlock whether he was a good Moslem, the accused answered he was as far as he could.

"Do you pray five times a day?" asked Counsel.  
"Ever since I was locked up I had not the means of praying," Yehia replied.  
He also said that while on shore he kept the fasts prescribed by his religion, but not while he was on the ship. He said he did not carry a knife, because he did not chew tobacco.

BEWITCHED  
The accused said that during the voyage on the Ernest G. Pathy he was bewitched a second time. The first time was when he was on a ship which he had to leave at Rotterdam. On that occasion he was bewitched by Derram Ali. "The kind of witchcraft Derram Ali practised was the kind learned from books, known to many Arabs. The effect was that the bewitched person might be possessed by devils with the result that he had to leave the ship," said Yehia.

The accused said that during some 20 odd years of being a seaman he had never before been in trouble with his officers. Cross-examined by Crown Counsel, the accused said that he left Nasser after inflicting three slight wounds. The knife was still in Nasser's hand and Nasser was still going on with his work.

MEANT "STABBED"  
He maintained that he did not see the witness Hassan nor did he tell Hassan to go and look at Nasser.

Asked why he told the Captain he had killed Nasser, the accused said that he meant "stabbed" and not "killed." The trial is continuing.

More Arrivals  
From  
North China

Cheerful in spirit were the 26 passengers to see Hongkong for the first time—or once again—when they arrived in the British liner, Pakhol from Tientsin and Shanghai this morning.

Most of them refused however, when approached by reporters, to relate their experience in China.

Among the passengers were two Polish Catholics, Sister A. W. Kleinska and Sister J. Buzza, both of the Franciscan Order.

The sisters had been in Siwansee, Chahar, for about 20 years. They applied to leave the mainland on the ground that they were not well in health.

The departure of the sisters had not yet been decided by their superiors. Meanwhile, they will stay in Hongkong.

Other passengers were Mr T. I. Scott-Bell, Queen's messenger, Mr D. Dhunishah, Mrs N. Dhunishah, Master M. Dhunishah, Miss F. Dhunishah, Miss K. Dhunishah, Mrs A. Kowalska, Mrs A. Semenova, Mrs H. Kowalska, Mrs V. P. Razdobreeva, Master V. Razdobreeva, Mrs V. Yulany, Master V. Yulany, Miss F. Solomon, Mrs R. Solomon, Miss J. Solomon, Miss E. M. R. Stephen, Mr S. A. Umansky, Mr B. Contanino, Mr V. E. Karamelky, Mr M. D. Zolof, Mr S. Kowalsky, and Mr G. Polymatsh.

A member of the old Scottish Company of the Volunteers, he took part in all their activities and was mobilised in the general strike of 1922.

RETURNED AFTER WAR  
Mr Ritchie was on leave during World War II. He spent the earlier part in Canada before proceeding to Scotland where he continued his war-time service with Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.

Shortly after the re-occupation, he returned to the Colony to play his part in setting up the administration and in restoring his firm's activities.

Ample of ill-health, Mr Ritchie gave conscientious attention to his many duties and only in June this year did he finally retire to take a well-deserved rest.

Mr and Mrs Ritchie planned for the final part of their retirement to stay in Switzerland where their daughter, Mona, is attending college.

## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

## Father's Day

IN the early hours of the morning, Harry took leave of his family. That took a little time. Eight of his 10 children still lived at home. They clustered round him on the doorstep of their home in the Yorkshire mining town, and, observing a rough sort of protocol, Harry said goodbye to each. At the last, he kissed his wife good-bye.

"Have a nice time," she said, "and give our love to Jim."

Jim was one of the older of her sons. He was a guardsman, stationed in London. Harry's father was off to pay him a visit.

A FREE TRIP  
HARRY would never have thought of making such an expedition had not a friend who owned a lorry, offered him a free lift to the south. Harry had worked underground in the mines for most of his life. His pay ranged from £10 to £12 a week. With a family the size of his to support, there was not much left over for a local day excursion.

In due course, Harry reached London, and there was Jim waiting, almost frighteningly smart, in his uniform.

REUNION  
"Why, Dad, so you got here?" the boy said.  
"Aye, lad, and I've a thirst like."

"We'll soon see to that," the guardsman said, and he took his father by the arm, proud of his familiarity with the confused and busy city which the older man found so strange.

The two went to a public house, and raised their glasses to each other, and as the drink went down, the father felt inordinately proud of his son, and the son felt a fierce love for his father.

They moved from one public house to another, and from that to the next, and Harry began to wonder whatever those mates of his could have been thinking of, who had told him London was an unfriendly place.

ALL HIS FRIENDS  
ALL Londoners seemed to be his friends, and a warm glow possessed him.

The time came when the boy had to return to his barracks. Father and son took leave of each other. Then for Harry there was an hour or two to occupy before his lift home would be ready.

Harry took himself in the West End, and at a loose end. He found himself, to be more explicit, in a street full of shops, that was disfigured here and there by a dustbin that had been put out to await attention in the morning.

UNDER ARREST  
WITH a private smile, and a muddled thought that what he proposed would be striking a blow for safety, Harry took a dusty bin and hurried it through the nearest shop window. Almost before the shattered glass had finished falling, Harry was under arrest.

Sheepishly, at Great Marlborough Street next morning, he pleaded the charge of having drunk the night before, and to having done £10 worth of damage to the window.

"A most regrettable affair," said the magistrate, Mr Paul Bennett, VC. "Do you want to say anything?"

Harry shook his aching head. Mr Charles Morgan, the probation officer, went into the witness-box to tell the magistrate how contrite Harry was; how, though he had missed his lift home, he hoped to get another; how he wanted to pay for the damage he had done. How he had never before been in this sort of trouble.

The magistrate ordered that Harry should pay £10 compensation at the rate of £1 a week, and be fined a nominal £1 for the wilful damage, £10 for being drunk.

"I'll do that, sir," Harry said, standing straight as a guardsman. Then he went away to look for a mate of his back to the North, to his job underground in the mine, and his home where such a large audience awaited news from London.

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